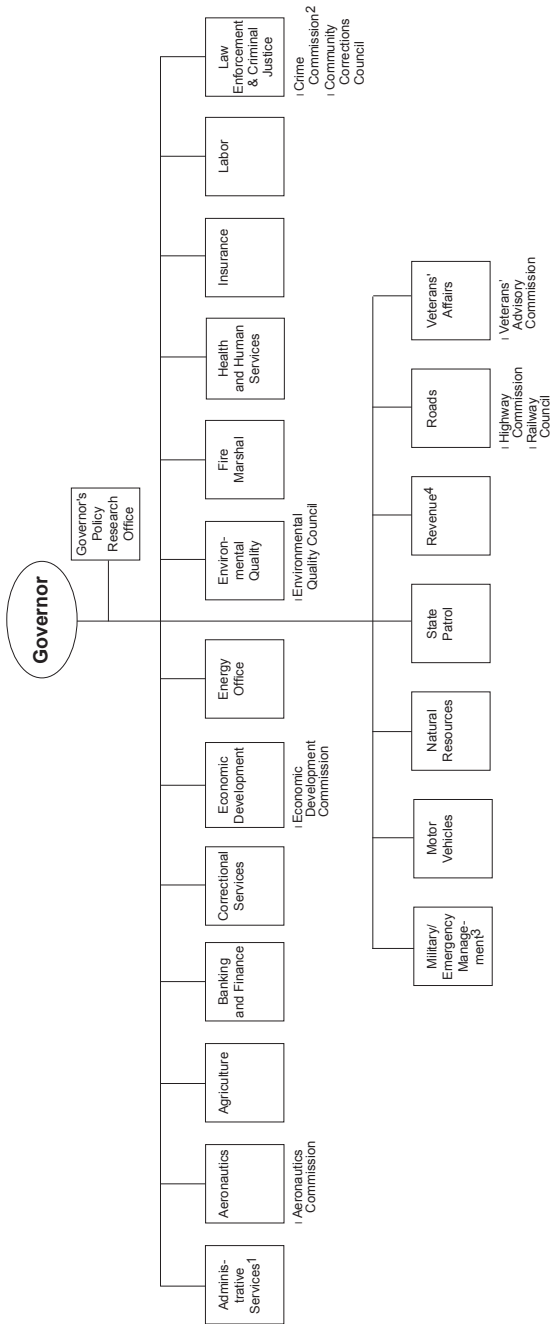


## Nebraska State Government Organization - Executive Branch\* Agencies Subject to Governor's Direct Control (Code Agencies)



\* Source: Governor's Policy Research Office.

<sup>1</sup> Divisions: Accounting, Budget, Employee Relations, Material, Nebraska Information Services (NIS), Office of the Chief Information Officer, Personnel, Risk Management, State Building, Task Force for Building Renewal and Transportation Services Bureau.

<sup>2</sup> Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.

<sup>3</sup> Director holds the office of adjutant general.

<sup>4</sup> Director holds the constitutional office of tax commissioner.

## CODE AGENCIES

**Editor's Note:** Code agencies are state government departments and agencies subject to the governor's direct control. The directors of these agencies serve at the pleasure of the governor and are directly accountable to him or her. These entities are full-fledged agencies, meaning they have their own staff, are affiliated with no other agency and appear as distinct items within the state budget. All statutory references in this section indicate where each entity was created — unless otherwise noted — in the Nebraska Constitution, Revised Statutes of Nebraska or both. Appointees to boards, commissions, councils, committees and other state governmental bodies serve until they resign or are replaced after their terms expire.

### Administrative Services

**Office Address:** Room 1315, State Capitol, P.O. Box 94664, Lincoln, NE 68509-4664, phone (402) 471-2331

**Director:** Carlos Castillo

**Statutory References:** 81-101 and 81-1103

Administrative Services, created by the 1965 Legislature, coordinates and administers the following divisions: Accounting, Budget, State Building, Task Force for Building Renewal, Communications, Employee Relations, Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Materiel, Personnel, Risk Management and State Claims, and Transportation Services Bureau.

Administrative Services:

- develops and maintains a modern budgetary, inventory and financial accounting system
- centrally directs services and service agencies
- makes the chief executive responsible for executing state financial policies and provides assistance with technical skills to achieve this
- provides for the development, planning and management of state data processing, state communications, capital facilities, transportation services and management engineering coordination.

### *Accounting Division*

**Contact Person:** Paul Carlson, State Accounting Administrator, Room 1309, State Capitol, P.O. Box 94664, Lincoln, NE 68509-4664, phone (402) 471-2581

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1108

The Accounting Division, reorganized by the Legislature in 1969, operates and maintains the central accounting and payroll system for state agencies. The operations area is responsible for setting up vendors for accounts payable processing, creating payment groups for internal and external customers, and processing wage attachments and payroll transactions. The division creates and processes about 2 million warrants and 1 million electronic payments each year, including biweekly and monthly payrolls for state employees. The division processes more than \$1.7 billion in federal grants for various agencies.

The systems area of the division reviews the internal controls and accounting methods used by state agencies and also monitors audit reports to evaluate agency accounting methods. The division provides direction to agencies for recording entries of payments, deposits and other transactions into the accounting system. Such transactions are subject to the division's statewide accounting policies. The division also prepares a daily cash flow analysis, the state's yearly financial reports, including the audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, and obtains and processes master leasing for state agencies.

### *Budget Division*

**Contact Person:** Gerry Oligmueller, State Budget Administrator, Room 1322, State Capitol, P.O. Box 94664, Lincoln, NE 68509-4664, phone (402) 471-2526

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1108

The Budget Division provides direction, coordination and support for state agencies in the preparation of mid-biennium and biennial budget requests. The division assists the governor in preparing the governor's state budget recommendations and administering the approved state budget.

### *State Building Division*

**Contact Person:** Jeffrey L. Jensen, Administrator, State Building Division, Executive Building, 521 S. 14th St., Suite 500, Lincoln, NE 68508-2707, phone (402) 471-3191

**Statutory References:** 81-1108 and 81-1108.11

The 1974 Legislature created the State Building Division to plan, construct and administer state facilities. The division's sections are facilities planning and construction, operations and maintenance, property management, security and administrative support.

Through its facilities planning and construction section, the division ensures that state funds are used wisely for construction projects, maintains building inventory and use records, plans future state buildings and analyzes capital construction requests, programs, preliminary plans and construction contracts. The planning group also helps prepare the governor's capital construction budget. The section inspects each building project and coordinates change orders, progress payments and time-cost schedule administration to ensure facilities are efficiently built. This section also facilitates the activities of the State Comprehensive Capital Facilities Planning Committee as it develops a statewide facilities master plan for all state government agencies exclusive of higher education.

The division's operations and maintenance section performs daily maintenance and operation activities of buildings. The facilities assigned to this section include the governor's residence, state office buildings in Lincoln, North Platte, Omaha, Scottsbluff and several 24-hour care facilities, such as veterans' homes and regional mental health centers.

The property management section serves as the state's leasing agent in procuring and providing for the space needs for state agencies and implements orders of the Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee which involves the sale and disposition of various buildings and real estate.

The security section maintains a safe environment for employees and visitors in the Omaha State Office Building.

The administrative support section includes management of the state parking program, conference room scheduling, coordination of the division's budget and accounting activities, personal property inventory and general support to the other sections of the division.

**Nebraska Capitol Commission**

**Contact Person:** Robert C. Ripley, Capitol Administrator, Office of the Nebraska Capitol Commission, State Capitol, Seventh Floor, Lincoln, NE 68509-4696, phone (402) 471-0419

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1108.32

The Nebraska Capitol Commission advises and makes recommendations to the Office of the Capitol Commission on the following:

- policies and guidelines for the proper conservation, restoration and enhancement of the State Capitol and its furnishings and grounds
- participation with the Capitol Environs Commission on related projects
- policies and guidelines for the use of the Capitol's preservation and adaptive-use spaces, including adoption of a document of standards
- facilities planning, construction, administration and documentation
- maintenance of the State Capitol and grounds

The 1949 Legislature changed the original Capitol Commission to the State Building Commission. The Building Commission membership was altered by the 1965 Legislature and again in 1974 when the Legislature designated the body as advisory. The 1993 Legislature changed the name back to the Capitol Commission and altered the membership to include representation from the legislative and judicial branches. The governor chairs the commission. Other ex officio members include the speaker of the Legislature, the state court administrator, the dean of the College of Architecture at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the director of the Nebraska State Historical Society. Three other Nebraska residents are appointed by the governor, representing each of the three congressional districts. The appointed members serve staggered three-year terms. The commission meets quarterly.

The capitol administrator serves the commission as a nonvoting secretary.

Members	Position	Term Expires
Jim Cudaback, Riverdale .....	3rd Congressional District .....	April 15, 2011
Stanley Meradith, Omaha .....	2nd Congressional District .....	April 15, 2010
Bryce P. Neidig, Madison .....	1st Congressional District .....	April 15, 2009
Wayne Drummond, Lincoln .....	College of Architecture Dean .....	Nonexpiring
Sen. Mike Flood, Norfolk .....	Speaker of the Legislature .....	Nonexpiring
David Heineman, Lincoln (Chairman) .....	Governor .....	Nonexpiring
Michael Smith, Lincoln .....	Nebraska State Historical Society .....	Nonexpiring
Janice Walker, Lincoln .....	State Court Administrator .....	Nonexpiring

### State Comprehensive Capital Facilities Planning Committee

**Contact Person:** Mike Rindone, State Building Division, Executive Building, 521 S. 14th St., Suite 500, Lincoln, NE 68508-2707, phone (402) 471-3191

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1108.41

The 1995 Legislature directed the State Building Division to develop a state comprehensive capital facilities plan. The plan projects the state's facility needs for a period of six years. To aid in developing the plan, the governor appointed the State Comprehensive Capital Facilities Planning Committee. The committee became responsible for developing planning guidelines and prioritizing projects for state agency capital construction projects. The capital facilities plan is based on the process the committee developed. The plan includes state construction projects for state agencies except the University of Nebraska and the state colleges. The plan is updated or a new plan is developed every two years.

The committee includes state agency personnel, municipal and professional planners, and citizens from across the state.

#### Members

#### Position

John Craig, Lincoln.....	Department of Roads
Barbara Gay, Columbus .....	Nebraska Public Power District
Robert Houston, Lincoln.....	Correctional Services
Jeff Jensen, Lincoln .....	Administrator, State Building Division
Janet Johnson, Chadron .....	Citizen
Marvin Krout, Lincoln.....	City Planning Department
Chad Nabity, Grand Island.....	City Planning Director
Vacant .....	CEO, Health and Human Services Department

### Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee

**Contact Person:** Carlos Castillo, Director, Administrative Services, Room 1315, State Capitol, P.O. Box 94664, Lincoln, NE 68509-4664, phone (402) 471-2331

**Statutory Reference:** 72-812

The Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee reviews potential vacant state-owned buildings or excess land and determines how the buildings or lands should be used, including possible rental, sale or demolition. Once a building or piece of land is declared vacant, the department assumes responsibility for maintenance and disposition of that building or land. The building or land is then disposed of or reused as directed by the committee. If the committee decides to sell the building or land, the director of administrative services disposes of it in the state's best interests.

The director of administrative services, the Task Force for Building Renewal administrator and the State Building Division administrator are permanent committee members. In addition, a fourth, nonvoting member is the director of the agency responsible for any vacant building or excess land for which action is needed. Members serve at the governor's pleasure.

#### Member

#### Position

Carlos Castillo, Lincoln .....	Director of Administrative Services
Steve Hotovy, Lincoln .....	Administrator, Task Force for Building Renewal
Jeff Jensen, Lincoln .....	Administrator, State Building Division

**Task Force for Building Renewal**

**Contact Person:** Steve Hotovy, Administrator, Task Force for Building Renewal, Executive Building, 521 S. 14th St., Suite 509, Lincoln, NE 68508-2707, phone (402) 471-3515

**Statutory Reference:** 81-174

The 1977 Legislature created the Task Force for Building Renewal, also known as the LB 309 Task Force, to identify deferred maintenance projects in state-owned facilities. The task force reviews, classifies and recommends funding to the governor for deferred maintenance projects, as requested by state agencies. The task force's main responsibility is to fund projects for deferred maintenance, remove barriers for people with disabilities, encourage fire life safety projects and set energy conservation measures within existing state-owned facilities.

The director of administrative services appoints an administrator as the task force's chief officer. The administrator may have up to four consultants. Each task force member is selected based on his or her ability to administer and accomplish efficient building maintenance.

Member	Position
Donna Helmke, Pickrell.....	Training Coordinator
Steven P. Hotovy, Lincoln.....	Task Force Administrator, AIA
Earl D. McClintock, Lincoln.....	Consultant
Dick Mohlman, Waverly.....	Consultant
Ron Rehtus, Lincoln.....	AIA
Rinda Sawyer, Lincoln.....	Projects Manager

***Division of Employee Relations***

**Contact Person:** William J. Wood, Chief Negotiator, Division of Employee Relations, 301 Centennial Mall South, Mall Level, P.O. Box 95061, Lincoln, NE 68509-5061, phone (402) 471-4106

**Chief Negotiator:** William J. Wood

**Statutory References:** 81-1108 and 81-1376

The Division of Employee Relations first operated as part of the Department of Personnel. In 1992, the Legislature merged the Department of Personnel into Administrative Services and created a separate Division of Employee Relations. The chief negotiator, who is appointed by the governor and serves at the governor's pleasure, administers the division. Duties of the chief negotiator include: negotiating and administering labor contracts involving agencies subject to the state personnel system; developing and coordinating the state's approach to labor relations by consulting, training and other activities; coordinating and processing nonorganized employee grievance appeals to the State Personnel Board within provisions of the Classified System Personnel Rules and Regulations; and coordinating negotiated grievance procedures.

### *Office of the Chief Information Officer*

**Contact Person:** Brenda L. Decker, Chief Information Officer, 501 S. 14th St., Suite 301, Lincoln NE 68508, phone (402) 471-3717

**Statutory Reference:** 86-1509

The chief information officer is appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Legislature. The Office of the Chief Information Officer, created by the 1998 Legislature, works with the Nebraska Information Technology Commission<sup>1</sup> to ensure cost-effective and efficient use of state resources and investments in information technology. The office assists the NITC and its councils in preparing a statewide technology plan and strategies for using information technology.

The CIO must help the governor and Legislature with evaluating technology-related budget requests and recommends policies and guidelines. Statute also requires the CIO to monitor the status of major noneducational technology projects in state government. The CIO also coordinates efforts among noneducational agencies and works with departments to evaluate and act upon opportunities to more efficiently and effectively deliver government services through the use of information technology.

The 2006 Legislature changed the duties of the Office of the Chief Information Officer. The office now provides oversight for the division of communications and the information management services division.

The 1975 Legislature established the Division of Communications. By this act, the Legislature expanded the scope and authority of the Telecommunications Bureau, which had functioned as the telecommunications coordinating agency since 1967. The Information Management Services Division first operated as part of the Accounting Office. In 1967, the Legislature made it a separate division. The 1998 Legislature changed the division's name from Central Data Processing to Information Management Services. In 1999, the Intergovernmental Data Services Division was made a part of IMS.

The added responsibilities for IMS include managing the county automation project and coordinating other activities relating to automation of intergovernmental functions. Services offered are provided at cost through revolving funds.

### **Enterprise Computing Services**

**Contact Person:** Tom Conroy, Administrator, Enterprise Computing Services, 501 S. 14th St., Suite 300, Lincoln, NE 68508-2707, phone (402) 471-4348

Enterprise Computing Services (ECS) supports the large-scale development and processing requirements of State agencies. We build information systems, operate mainframe computers and maintain the massive data stores required to conduct State business. Each ECS group has staff members on-call twenty-four hours per day to support State agency business operations.

### **Intergovernmental Data Services**

**Contact Person:** Tim Cao, Administrator, Intergovernmental Data Services, 501 S. 14th Street, Lincoln, NE 68509, phone (402) 471-3031

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<sup>1</sup>For more information about the Nebraska Information Technology Commission, see Page 737-738.

Major duties of the Intergovernmental Data Services Program include management of the State's AS/400 computer network that serves county and state offices and oversight of statewide applications that will use that system. The program also provides staff support for intergovernmental data sharing activities including the Nebraska Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Steering Committee and the Nebraska Intergovernmental Data Communications Advisory Council (NIDCAC). It is the mission of the Intergovernmental Data Services Program to promote opportunities for improved service or efficiency in the public sector by encouraging interagency and intergovernmental data sharing through facilitation, coordination, oversight, or implementation of projects.

### **I.T. Financial Solutions**

**Contact Person:** Steve Schafer, Administrator, Intergovernmental Data Services, 501 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68509-5045, phone (402) 471-4385

The purpose of the IT financial solutions area is to align fiscal resources to achieve the strategies of the AS IT organizations. Activities include cost recovery planning, rate setting, asset management, contracts, enterprise licensing, and reviews of agency purchases of information technology goods and services. Assisting with customer service and business development is another vital responsibility.

### **Network Services**

**Contact Person:** Jayne L. Scofield, Administrator, Network Services, 501 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68509-5045, phone (402) 471-3454

Network Services Team is responsible for end to end support from your desktop through the wide area network. This includes voice and wireless services, desktop, server, cabling, VPN's, firewalls, video conferencing and wide area network services. These services include the design, planning, coordination of installation and support of those services. The mission of Network Services is to provide efficient, economical and reliable telecommunications services.

### **Planning and Project Management**

**Contact Person:** Steve L. Henderson, Administrator, Planning and Project Management, 501 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68509-5045, phone (402) 471-4861

Assignments of the Planning and Project Management include strategic planning, the Nebraska Information Technology Commission (NITC) and its supporting councils and workgroups, project management, the Nebraska Intergovernmental Data Communications Advisory Council (NIDCAC), enterprise solutions planning, business continuity, disaster recovery, security policy and Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

### **Technology Support Services**

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The Technology Support Services functional area consists of several service groups including: Help Desk, Directory Services, Email, Web Development, Mid-Range Systems, Lotus Development, Distributed Computing Support.



### *Materiel Division*

**Contact Person:** Steve Sulek, Acting Administrator, Materiel Division, 301 Centennial Mall South, Mall Level, P.O. Box 94847, Lincoln, NE 68509-4847, phone (402) 471-2401

**Statutory References:** 81-1108 and 81-1118

The role of the Materiel Division was established by the 1969 Legislature, which gave the division its responsibility as state purchasing agent. Division offices for surplus property, purchasing and general services (later known as office services) were created. The division was given control of state inventories in 1974.

The division was given authority to obtain leases of articles — including real property — for state agencies in 1975. Leasing of real property was transferred to the State Building Division by the 1992 Legislature for the purpose of consolidating state building leases.

In 1977, the Nebraska Supreme Court ruled that the division's central purchasing and disposal program for property did not apply to the University of Nebraska Board of Regents or the university.

The 1981 Legislature created a forms management center under the division responsible for the form and content of state agency forms, surveys and other documents. In 1983, the office was eliminated and its responsibilities delegated to the agency level.

Printing of state documents before 1919 was established by various acts that had state executive officers as the head of the Bureau of Printing board. Purchasing agent responsibilities were expanded in 1919 to include the Bureau of Printing, which is now known as the State Print Shop.

In 1943, the Legislature made the purchasing agent a governor-appointed position and gave the agent administrative powers over the state's central mailing service. A postage metering machine was installed, and since July 1, 1943, all official outgoing mail from the State Capitol, and later from the Nebraska State Office Building, has been metered and dispatched by this central mailing service. The central mail operation is responsible for transporting material, tracking shipments and making freight claims.

The State Purchasing Bureau buys articles needed by state agencies, except the University of Nebraska. The 1947 Legislature gave the agent authority to buy and sell state surplus property. The State Surplus Property section is responsible for disposing of the state's surplus property and maintaining inventory records.

The 1965 Legislature transferred this agency from the state tax commissioner to Administrative Services as the Purchasing Division. The Legislature gave the agent jurisdiction over state university and normal schools' purchasing departments. These functions then transferred to the newly created Materiel Division in 1965.

The Copy Services area purchases and places copier requirements.

The 1992 Legislature transferred the responsibility of the State Government Recycling Program from the Energy Office to the Materiel Division.

The Office Supply Bureau provides agencies with office supplies, paper and forms.

### *Personnel Division*

**Contact Person:** Mike McCrory, Director, Personnel Division, 301 Centennial Mall South, Mall Level, P.O. Box 94905, Lincoln, NE 68509-4905, phone (402) 471-2833

**Statutory References:** 81-1108 and 81-1303

The Personnel Division was created in 1967 as the Department of Personnel. The 1992 Legislature made the department part of Administrative Services. The division administers the state personnel system, which has 14,145 state employees in 55 classified agencies and 2,296 employees in 18 nonclassified agencies. The division:

- maintains a job classification and pay system for state employees
- provides state agencies with qualified job applicants
- promulgates and enforces personnel rules and regulations
- administers an employee grievance appeal procedure
- promulgates and enforces affirmative action rules and regulations
- provides a state-sponsored management training program
- administers the Nebraska State Insurance Program and the State Employee

#### Benefits Program

The division is led by a Director of Personnel, who is appointed by the AS Director. The division is composed of the Affirmative Action Office and the Benefits, Classification/Compensation, Employee Services, Planning, Recruitment and Organizational Effectiveness units.

### **Affirmative Action Office**

**Contact Persons:** Charles Roberson, Affirmative Action Specialist, 301 Centennial Mall South, Mall Level, P.O. Box 94905, Lincoln, NE 68509-4905, phone (402) 471-3678

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1357

The Affirmative Action Office oversees affirmative action programs for individual state agencies. The office also provides counseling and technical assistance to state agencies, employees and applicants, along with rule and regulation enforcement governing affirmative action plans. Additionally, the office is responsible for helping employees, state agencies and applicants with Americans With Disabilities Act employment issues.

The affirmative action program works to ensure all citizens are given fair and equal state government employment and advancement opportunities regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, marital status or physical or mental disability.

### **Affirmative Action Committee**

**Contact Person:** Charles Roberson, Affirmative Action Specialist, 301 Centennial Mall South, Mall Level, P.O. Box 94905, Lincoln, NE 68509-4905, phone (402) 471-3678

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1363

The Affirmative Action Committee advises the Affirmative Action Office. The committee:

- acts as a liaison concerning affirmative action
- reviews the effectiveness of state agencies' affirmative action plans

- advises the Affirmative Action Office and the governor on affirmative action program effectiveness

- advises the governor of noncompliance cases

The committee has 10 or fewer members that represent ethnic minorities, women, the elderly, the disabled and the public. Three-fourths of the members must have a working knowledge of affirmative action, with experience gained by employment, education or general interest. Members are appointed by the governor and serve at the governor's pleasure. The committee meets four times a year. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

#### Members

#### Position

Mahendra Bansal, Lincoln .....	Member
Ruriko E. Bishop, Lincoln .....	Chairperson
Lisa D. Miles, Lincoln .....	Member

### Employee Benefits

**Contact Persons:** Roger Wilson, phone (402) 471-2832

The Benefits Unit researches and administers health and welfare programs offered to state employees. This office assists state employees with enrolling and participating in state-sponsored benefit programs. The Benefits Unit maintains compliance with governing federal legislation and vendor contractual obligations.

### Classification/Compensation Unit

**Contact Person:** Andrew Russell, phone (402) 471-4165

The Classification/Compensation Unit maintains the State Classification and Pay Plan by analyzing and approving agency requests for position reclassification and salary grade adjustments. The unit maintains class specifications for nearly 1,500 job classes and determines salary grade assignments essential for attracting and retaining qualified employees. A revised classification and pay-plan booklet is issued biennially. The unit also is responsible for the State Personnel Rules and training on rule subjects, such as overtime and performance evaluation.

### Employee Services Unit

The Employee Services Unit publishes a quarterly state employee newsletter, manages annual employee recognition programs, coordinates the annual combined campaign charity drive, oversees the statewide employee suggestion system and interprets and oversees the vendor solicitation policy.

### Research/Planning Unit

The Planning Unit develops and publishes the *Personnel Almanac*, which contains history and statistics on the state government work force. The unit also conducts annual salary surveys of local and regional employers' wages and benefits and publishes a *Salary Survey* booklet. Additionally, the unit is responsible for researching statistics regarding benefits and wages for use in the collective bargaining process.

### Recruitment Unit

The Recruitment Unit helps agencies with their staffing needs, including recruiting, selecting, interviewing and hiring qualified candidates. The unit publishes a weekly listing of available state government jobs known as the *Job Mart*. Agencies, except constitutional agencies, are required to post all vacancies with the unit to ensure equal opportunity. Staff in this unit help agencies in developing recruiting plans, offering services such as writing job advertisements, posting positions, Internet recruiting and attending college recruitment events, as well as fulfilling other specific recruiting needs. The staff is available to develop selection tools, offer screening services and assist agencies in selecting a top group of qualified candidates.

The unit operates the Specialized Office Services, a temporary employment program that helps agencies hire temporary help during peak work periods or employee leaves. SOS is the clearinghouse and approval source for all temporary employment requests and is a liaison with contractual temporary agencies. SOS is responsible for providing payroll and benefit services to the employees of this program.

### Organizational Effectiveness Unit

The Organizational Effectiveness Unit offers learning opportunities to agencies and employees — primarily in leadership, management and human resources. Its vision is to help agencies and employees create an environment of learning and information where people expand their capacity to produce the results they desire.

The unit aims to produce higher productivity, better customer service, fewer employee grievances and lawsuits, greater employee satisfaction, improved morale, and improved mental and physical health.

### State Personnel Board

**Contact Person:** Mike McCrory, Director, Personnel Division, 301 Centennial Mall South, Mall Level, P.O. Box 94905, Lincoln, NE 68509-4905, phone (402) 471-2833

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1318

The State Personnel Board enters decisions on employee grievance appeals for employees covered by the classified system, whether or not the employee is covered by a collective bargaining agreement. Effective June 1, 1994, employees covered by the NAPE/AFSCME Labor Contract have the option to choose whether to have their appeal heard under this system or by an arbitrator under the voluntary final and binding arbitration process.

The board also approves rules and regulations promulgated by the director of personnel and provides legal advice regarding state personnel matters.

The five-member board is appointed by the governor and approved by the Legislature for five-year terms. No more than three members may be from the same political party. At least three appointees must have experience in personnel administration, business or public administration, labor relations or law. State employees may not be appointed to the board. The board meets monthly. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for their expenses.

Member	Term Expires
Amber A. Brown, Kearney (D) <sup>2</sup> .....	Aug. 4, 2013
Lucinda Glen, Hastings (D) .....	Aug. 4, 2011
Gregory L. Osborn, Lincoln (R) .....	Aug. 4, 2012
Samuel F. Seever, Lincoln (R) .....	Aug. 4, 2009
Brian J. Tessman, Omaha (R) .....	Aug. 4, 2010

### *Risk Management and State Claims Division*

**Contact Person:** Laura L. Peterson, State Risk Manager, Executive Building, 521 S. 14th St., Suite 104, Lincoln, NE 68508-2707, phone (402) 471-2551, fax (402) 471-2800

**Statutory Reference:** 81-8,239.01 and 81-1108

The state risk manager is responsible for identifying and implementing the most economical and effective methods to reduce the exposure of the state and its employees to personal injury, property damage and legal liability through loss control, loss elimination and, where possible, transfer of costs. Measures include purchasing insurance, identifying resource services for agencies and coordinating nonlitigation legal services.

There are three broad functions of the state's Risk Management Program: State Claims Board,<sup>3</sup> Workers' Compensation/Safety and Insurance/Self-Insurance.

The division administers: the State Tort Claims Act; the State Miscellaneous Claims Act; the State Contract Claims Act; the state workers' compensation program; and the state risk management, indemnification, insurance, self-insurance and bonding programs.

### *Transportation Services Bureau*

**Contact Person:** Steve Sulek, Administrator, Transportation Services Bureau, 14th and M streets, P.O. Box 95025, Lincoln, NE 68509-5025, phone (402) 471-2897, fax (402) 471-2999

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1008

The 1969 Legislature created the Transportation Services Bureau, which provides service and guidance to state agencies in the use, operation and service of state-owned vehicles and the use of privately owned vehicles used for state purposes.

<sup>2</sup> Political party affiliation: R=Republican, D=Democrat.

<sup>3</sup> For more information about the State Claims Board, see Page 727-728.

## Department of Aeronautics

**Office Address:** 3431 Aviation Road, Suite 150, Lincoln Municipal Airport, Lincoln, NE 68524, phone (402) 471-2371

**Director:** Stuart E. MacTaggart

**Statutory Reference:** 3-103

**Publications:** *Nebraska Airport Directory*, Nebraska Aeronautical Chart, *PIREPS* (a bi-monthly newsletter)

### *Navigational Aids Division*

The Navigational Aids Division installs, operates and maintains Nebraska's Aeronautical Radio Navigation, Communication and Aviation Weather Reporting Network. This network consists of:

- eight VHF Omni Directional Radio Range facilities at Beatrice, Broken Bow, Cozad, Kearney, Ogallala, Scribner/Fremont, Tekamah and Thedford
- five pieces of distance-measuring equipment at Thedford, Beatrice, Broken Bow, Ogallala and Scribner/Fremont
- 26 nondirectional radio beacons at Albion, Bassett, Burwell, Cambridge, Chappell, Darr, Fairbury, Fairmont, Falls City, Gordon, Grant, Hebron, Holdrege, Imperial, Millard (in west Omaha), Nebraska City, Ord, Oshkosh, Plattsmouth, Seward, Valentine, Wahoo, Wayne, Whitney, Willow Island and York
- 18 Automated Weather Observation Station (AWOS III) facilities at Ainsworth, Albion, Aurora, Beatrice, Blair, Fremont, Hebron, Holdrege, Kimball, Lexington, Millard, Nebraska City, O'Neill, Ogallala, Plattsmouth, Thedford, Wayne and York

The division also maintains the division office, maintenance shop and warehouse in Kearney; coordinates the state runway lighting program; acquires federal equipment for government use; and coordinates activities and programs with the Federal Aviation Administration, the National Weather Service and cities and towns involved.

### *Planning and Engineering Division*

The Planning and Engineering Division oversees all phases of the Federal Aviation Administration's grant program for general aviation airports. This includes applications, inspections, review of construction plans and specifications, and payment approval. Federal funds used to develop Nebraska general aviation airports must pass through the Department of Aeronautics.

Other duties include administration of state-aid grants, revolving hangar and fuel-storage loans, pavement preservation grants, airport safety and pavement inspections, airport layout plan review, state airport system planning, review of notices of construction that obstructs airports, and helping communities with height-restriction zoning. The division also manages a crack and joint filling program and a marking program.

### **State-Owned Airfields**

The State-Owned Airfield Section runs Nebraska's state-owned airfields at Fairmont, Harvard and Scribner. The division leases available land and buildings at these sites, plus an unused airport near Bruning.

### *Flight Operations and Aviation Services Division*

The Operations Division operates three state-owned aircraft dedicated to providing transportation for state agencies. This includes the governor, his staff, and officials from state agencies, the University of Nebraska (Lincoln, Omaha and Kearney), the University Board of Regents, the University of Nebraska Medical Center and other state entities.

In addition to providing transportation, the Operations Division conducts the following duties:

- publishing the Nebraska Aeronautical Chart and Airport Directory. The chart and directory are issued at no charge to pilots and other aviation interests. They are published every two years and cover Nebraska and portions of states bordering Nebraska
- publishing an aviation newsletter, *PIREPS*. This newsletter is published 6 times a year and addresses aviation news and items of interest to the flying public in Nebraska. It is mailed free of charge to Nebraska pilots and others upon request
- licensing public use airports in Nebraska and registering private airports.
- conducting aviation education and career activities, including an aviation summer youth camp and an aviation art contest
- working with communities to advance airline service in Nebraska

The Operations Division also conducts precision aerial photo flights, which meet federal project standards for the Department of Roads. A specially-modified, state-owned Piper Navajo is used to conduct the photo flights.

### *Nebraska Aeronautics Commission*

**Contact Person:** Ken Risk, Chairman, P.O. Box 82088, Lincoln, NE 68501-2088, phone (402) 471-2371

**Statutory Reference:** 3-104

The Nebraska Aeronautics Commission advises the director. The commission:

- allocates state and federal airport construction and maintenance funds
- designates airport sites
- authorizes the state's purchase of aircraft
- approves pilots to work for the state
- helps the department director develop regulations and policies

The commission also advises the governor in appointing the director of the Department of Aeronautics.

The commission has five members who are appointed by the governor to five-year terms. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for their expenses. The commission meets approximately seven times per year.

<b>Members</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Dorothy Anderson, Holdrege.....	March 1, 2013
Barry Colacurci, Lincoln.....	March 1, 2012
Ken Risk, Kimball.....	March 1, 2009
Doug Vap, McCook.....	March 1, 2011
Steven R. Wooden, Albion.....	March 1, 2010

Nebraska Licensed Airports, 2008\*

Municipal Airports

City	Airport	City	Airport	City	Airport
Ainsworth .....	Ainsworth Municipal	Fremont.....	Fremont Municipal	Ogallala .....	Searle Field
Albion .....	Albion Municipal	Genoa.....	Genoa Municipal	Omaha.....	Eppley Airfield
Alliance .....	Alliance Municipal	Gordon.....	Gordon Municipal	.....	Millard Airport
Alma .....	Alma Municipal	Gothenburg .....	Quinn Field	O'Neill.....	John L. Baker Field
Arapahoe .....	Arapahoe Municipal	Grand Island.....	Central Nebraska Regional	Ord .....	Evelyn Sharp Field
Atkinson.....	Stuart-Atkinson Municipal	Grant .....	Grant Municipal	Oshkosh.....	Garden County Airport
Auburn.....	Farington Field	Greeley.....	Greeley Municipal	Pawnee City.....	Pawnee City Municipal
Aurora .....	Aurora Municipal	Hartington.....	Hartington Municipal	Pender .....	Pender Municipal
Bassett .....	Rock County Airport	Hastings .....	Hastings Municipal	Plattsmouth.....	Plattsmouth Municipal
Beatrice .....	Beatrice Municipal	Hay Springs .....	Hay Springs Municipal	Red Cloud.....	Red Cloud Municipal
Blair .....	Blair Municipal	Hebron .....	Hebron Municipal	Rushville.....	Modisett Field
Bloomfield.....	Bloomfield Municipal	Holdrege .....	Brewster Field	Sargent .....	Sargent Municipal
Broken Bow .....	Broken Bow Municipal	Hyannis.....	Grant County Airport	Scottsbluff .....	Western Nebraska Regional
Burwell .....	Cram Field	Imperial.....	Imperial Municipal	Seward.....	Seward Municipal
Cambridge .....	Cambridge Municipal	Kearney.....	Kearney Municipal	Sidney .....	Sidney Municipal
Central City .....	Central City Municipal	Kimball.....	Robert E. Arjay Field	Superior .....	Superior Municipal
Chadron .....	Chadron Municipal	Lexington.....	Jim Kelly Field	Tecumseh .....	Tecumseh Municipal
Chappell.....	Billy G. Ray Field	Lincoln.....	Lincoln Municipal	Tekamah.....	Tekamah Municipal
Columbus .....	Columbus Municipal	Loup City.....	Loup City Municipal	Thedford .....	Thomas County Airport
Cozad .....	Cozad Municipal	McCook.....	McCook Municipal	Trenton .....	Trenton Municipal
Creighton.....	Creighton Municipal	Minden.....	Pioneer Village Field	Valentine.....	Miller Field
Crete .....	Crete Municipal	Mullen.....	Hooker County Airport	Wahoo .....	Wahoo Municipal
Curtis .....	Curtis Municipal	Nebraska City.....	Nebraska City Municipal	Wallace .....	Wallace Municipal
David City.....	David City Municipal	Neligh .....	Antelope County Airport	Wayne .....	Wayne Municipal
Fairbury .....	Fairbury Municipal	Norfolk .....	Karl Stefan Memorial	York.....	York Municipal
Falls City.....	Brenner Field	North Platte.....	North Platte Regional		

Privately Owned Public Use Airports

City	Airport	City	Airport
Omaha .....	North Omaha Airport	South Sioux City.....	Martin Field

U.S. Government Airport

Seaplane Base

City	Airport	City	Landing Area
Bellevue.....	Offutt Air Force Base	Alma.....	Harlan County Reservoir

State Government Airports

City	Airport	City	Airport
Fairmont.....	Fairmont State Airfield	Scribner.....	Scribner State Airport
Harvard.....	Harvard State Airfield		

\*Source: Nebraska Department of Aeronautics.



## Department of Agriculture

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**Director:** Greg Ibach

**Assistant Director:** Vacant

**Statutory Reference:** 81-101

**Publications:** One-hundred fifty agriculture reports, including reports on crop production forecasts, crop estimates, cattle and pigs, monthly prices, grain stocks and the weather, most of which are published in cooperation with USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture regulates and works as an advocate for agriculture. The department also collects and compiles agricultural statistics.

The department was one of six administrative departments created by the Civil Administrative Code Law of 1919. The department was divided into the Bureau of Animal Industry; Bureau of Food, Drugs and Oil; Bureau of Markets and Marketing; Division of Game and Fish; and Clerical and Records Division. In 1933, the department's name was changed to the Department of Agriculture and Inspection. In 1963, it became the Department of Agriculture and Economic Development. In 1967, it became the Department of Agriculture.

The department's duties and organization have changed significantly since 1919. The Division of Game and Fish separated from the department in 1929, and drug inspection was removed in 1941. Licensing of itinerant merchants was removed in 1955.

Many regulatory functions were added to the department's duties. Besides original laws providing for the inspection of all petroleum sold within the state, collection of state gasoline and special fuel taxes was added in 1941, as well as petroleum transport truck regulation and licensing and administration of the Agricultural Refund Law. (Petroleum transport truck regulation and licensing and the Agricultural Refund Law are no longer under the department's jurisdiction.) Licensing of livestock sale rings and frozen food lockers also were added. In 1945, the Division of Potato Development became part of the department.

The 1947 Legislature added the Cigarette Tax Division and the Nebraska Resources Division to the department. It also called for slaughterhouse inspection and antifreeze testing.

The 1955 Legislature added the Oil and Gas Severance Tax Division. The Division of Wheat Development, Utilization and Marketing also was added in 1955, but it later became an agency of its own.

The 1957 Legislature created the Weather Control Commission and assigned its administrative functions to the department.

In 1961, the Legislature created the Auction Livestock Market Board to help administer the auction market licensing law. Corrective legislation in 1963 made several changes, including changing the name to the Livestock Auction Market Board.

In 1965, the Legislature removed petroleum tax collection and inspection and the cigarette and oil severance tax collections from the department.

Also in 1965, the Legislature established the Division of Dairy Trade Practices (no longer a part of the department) and created a predatory animal control program. It authorized the director of agriculture to participate in a rural rehabilitation educational program to help needy farm and ranch youth with education beyond high school.

The 1967 Legislature removed the Resources Division and its role in economic development from the Department of Agriculture and created a new Department of Economic Development. The Legislature also transferred tractor permit and enforcement responsibility from the Railway Commission to the Department of Agriculture.

In 1982, the Legislature discontinued the Weather Control Commission and directed the Department of Agriculture to assume the commission's duties.

In 1988, the Legislature passed the Farm Mediation Act to give agricultural borrowers and lenders a way to resolve financial disputes without litigation. The governor designated the Department of Agriculture to administer the act.

In 1993, the Legislature passed the Nebraska Pesticide Act. This legislation gave the department authority to regulate pesticides in Nebraska.

In 1996, the Legislature repealed the weather modification laws and declared that after Jan. 1, 1997, no new weather control districts could be formed.

In 1998, the Legislature repealed the laws relating to weather control districts and gave natural resources districts the authority to establish weather modification programs. Also in 1998, the Legislature enacted the Buffer Strip Act, which provided incentives to landowners to establish buffer strips on certain types of lands to help reduce the levels of sediment, crop nutrients and pesticides being introduced into surface water resources.

In 1999, the Bureau of Animal Industry was given the authority to establish a more comprehensive Domesticated Cervine Animal Act. That year, the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act, directed and developed by the Beginning Farmer Board, also was created to strengthen and share resources between new and established producers.

The Commercial Dog and Cat Operation Inspection Act and the Agricultural Opportunities and Value-Added Partnerships Act were enacted in 2000.

In 2002, the Legislature passed the Agricultural Suppliers Lease Protection Act. The act established a system for resolution of lease disputes arising between railroad property owners and agribusiness tenants and guard against unreasonable lease renewal terms or unjust lease termination.

In 2003, the Legislature enacted a disease control and eradication program for scrapie in sheep. The Legislature also passed a law authorizing the director of agriculture to establish a process to recognize and assist efforts by counties to maintain or expand their livestock sectors. The director is authorized to designate a county as a livestock friendly county.

In 2005, the Legislature re-enacted the Agricultural Opportunities Value-Added Partnerships Act with the Department of Agriculture providing assistance to the Department of Economic Development in administering the act.

The 2006 Legislature enacted a law to regulate exotic animal auctions and swap meets and expanded the Nebraska Poultry Disease Control Act relating to avian influenza in poultry.

In 2007, the Legislature amended the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act by adding additional requirements and enforcement powers, provided for mediation of fence disputes by the farm mediation service when the adjoining land is utilized as agricultural or horticultural land, adopted a new Bovine Tuberculosis Act and changed the Nebraska Brand Committee to include the Director of Agriculture or his or her designee as an ex-officio member. The Legislature also required the Department of Agriculture, for promotion purposes, to collect an excise tax on grapes sold or delivered in Nebraska, established the Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force relating to vegetation management and treatment with the Department of Agriculture providing administrative assistance, and authorized the Department of Agriculture to award grants for management of vegetation to improve streamflow in natural streams.

The 2008 Legislature adopted the Food Supply Animal Veterinarian Incentive Program Act to encourage veterinarians to locate in rural Nebraska and practice food supply animal veterinarian medicine.

### *Administration Division*

The Administration Division of the Department of Agriculture has numerous subprograms. The director and his or her support staff make up the supervision subprogram and provide leadership, management, direction and supervision to the entire agency.

The Data Center is responsible for providing technical computer services to the agency, including training and support. The Word Processing Center provides a central support system to the agency for word processing-related services.

The Legal Division provides legal support and advice to the entire agency to support regulatory and advocacy activities.

The Finance and Personnel Division provides support services to the director and all divisions in accounting, auditing, budgeting, payroll, personnel and legislative fiscal information. Fiscal services and fee collection are performed for the commodity checkoff programs through administrative service contracts.

To serve industry needs in marketing fresh fruits, vegetables and other products, the department conducts vegetable grading and inspections under the Agricultural Products Marketing Act. The purpose of this subprogram is to ensure that fresh fruits and vegetables meet state and federal guidelines for interstate and intrastate shipments. The program is 100 percent funded by producers through certification and inspection fees.

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture works closely with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office.

Another administration subprogram relates to the various commodity boards. The Nebraska Department of Agriculture has direct responsibility for the poultry and egg program and the potato program. Under the Ethanol Development Act, the department collects, administers and enforces a one-half cent excise tax on corn and grain sorghum. All fees collected are remitted to the Ethanol Production Incentive Cash Fund.

Independent agencies that contract with the department to provide needed services are the Corn Development, Utilization and Marketing Board; the Grain Sorghum Development, Utilization and Marketing Board; the Wheat Development, Utilization

and Marketing Board; the Nebraska Dairy Industry Development Board; the Dry Bean Commission; and the Grape and Winery Board.<sup>4</sup>

The administration division also oversees ag promotion and development, the Farm Mediation Service, the Beginning Farmer Program, wildlife services, market news, and agricultural suppliers lease protection service.

### **Ag Promotion and Development**

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The ag promotion and development program supports the buying, selling and development of Nebraska agricultural products. It works to expand Nebraska's agricultural markets in the United States and abroad. This includes researching and developing key domestic and international contacts interested in buying Nebraska livestock, bulk commodities, fresh meat, processed food products, fruits, vegetables and fish. This service assists Nebraska producers and small- and medium-sized businesses with value-added agricultural opportunities and cooperative development. The service operates the hay hotline in times of drought. It also coordinates federal grants to research traditional and nontraditional agricultural products and their uses to expand Nebraska's agricultural economic base.

Ag promotion and development also administers grants through the Nebraska Agricultural Opportunities and Value-Added Partnership Act.

In an effort to build successful relationships at the local, state, national and international levels, the ag promotion and development personnel provide and coordinate many services including training, trade leads, trade missions, trade shows, export assistance, market research and public relations activities.

### *Nebraska Grape and Winery Board*

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The 2000 Legislature created the Nebraska Grape and Winery Board to create programs that develop and advance the state's grape and wine industry. These programs provide grape producers and winery owners with the resources to learn how to grow, sell, market and promote their grape and wine products.

The board consists of five members appointed by the governor. Board members must be Nebraska residents who are at least 21 years old and either engaged in or previously engaged in wine grape production or research in this state. At least two board members must belong to the Nebraska Winery and Grape Growers Association. The state director of agriculture or his or her designee and the vice chancellor of the Uni-

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<sup>4</sup> For more information about these agencies, see the following pages: Corn Development, Utilization and Marketing Board, Page 613; Dry Bean Commission, Page 615; Grain Sorghum Development, Utilization and Marketing Board, Page 654-655; Wheat Board, Pages 721-722 and Dairy Industry Development Board, Pages 730-731.

versity of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources serve as ex officio members.

Member	Term Expires
Ellen Burdick, Lewellen .....	June 7, 2009
Bart Holmquist, Eagle .....	June 7, 2009
Max McFarland, Lexington .....	June 7, 2009
Eric Nelson, Lincoln .....	June 7, 2009
Terry Ryan, Minden .....	June 7, 2009
Casey Foster, Lincoln .....	Department of Agriculture.....Ex Officio
Dr. Gary Cunningham, Lincoln .....	University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.....Ex Officio

### Farm Mediation Service

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**Statutory Reference:** 2-4801 to 2-4816

Since 1988, the Farm Mediation Service has assisted Nebraska landowners, farmers, ranchers, agricultural lenders and state and federal Department of Agriculture agencies in resolving disputes in a confidential and nonadversarial setting outside the traditional legal system. A mediation may be requested by a Nebraska agricultural landowner concerning a property fence dispute, a Nebraska agricultural borrower or creditor concerning an agricultural credit issue or a Nebraska producer concerning an adverse decision given them by a USDA agency.

Mediation is a process in which a neutral third party facilitates discussion between a farmer or rancher and the other party in a dispute. The mediation process identifies issues, develops possible solutions and works out a mutual agreement. Prior to mediation, both parties are offered no-cost education at individual sessions to learn about the mediation process, farm law and financial options that are available to them. A personal financial analysis and preparation for mediation also is offered at no cost to aid in developing options.

### Beginning Farmer Program

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**Statutory Reference:** 77-5201 to 77-5214

The Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act was passed by the Legislature in 1999 and amended in 2000, 2006 and 2008. This act provides a personal property tax exemption for a beginning farmer who applies for and receives a Beginning Farmer Eligibility Certificate. The act also provides a tax credit for owners of agricultural assets such as land, machinery and livestock facilities as an incentive to rent their assets to a beginning farmer who has met specific eligibility requirements.

All beginning farmers who meet the eligibility guidelines of the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act may apply for the personal property tax exemption. An eligibility cer-

tificate is sent upon receipt of an eligible application. This may be presented to their county assessor for acceptance and approval of a personal property tax exemption of up to \$100,000 valuation of their agricultural machinery.

The owner of agricultural assets receives a refundable tax credit equal to 10 percent of the cash rent paid by the beginning farmer or 15 percent of the owner's gross receipts resulting from a share crop rental agreement with the beginning farmer. The owner is encouraged to become a mentor and share his or her expertise with the beginning farmer. The beginning farmer attends a financial management class to ensure his or her knowledge of farm records management and participates in other board-sponsored activities.

The board of directors is appointed by the governor and develops and directs the programs, approves and certifies the participants and advocates for the farmers as part of their duties.

Members	Represents	Term Expires
Don Anthony, Lexington.....	District 3 Producer.....	July 16, 2011
Marian Beethe, Tecumseh.....	Department of Agriculture.....	July 16, 2011
Douglas Ewald, Lincoln.....	Department of Revenue.....	July 16, 2011
Mark Graf, McCook.....	Lending Community Representative .....	July 16, 2011
Dr. Darrell Mark, Lincoln.....	University of Nebraska.....	July 16, 2011
Todd Reed, Waverly.....	District 1 Producer.....	July 16, 2011
Melvin Valasek, Bennington.....	District 2 Producer.....	July 16, 2011

### *Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council*

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The Nebraska Department of Agriculture supports and enhances Nebraska's agriculture industry through educational activities that teach Nebraska youth about the role of agriculture through educational services, public relations and public information.

The Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI) is a five-day event designed to introduce high school juniors and seniors to agricultural issues and leadership skills. NAYI is held in July and is organized by the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council through the Department of Agriculture.

Other projects include ag week promotion, day care visits and the Urban Youth Farm Tour.

### *Bureau of Animal Industry*

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**Statutory Reference:** 81-202

The Bureau of Animal Industry's duties include the control and eradication of animal diseases that affect Nebraska livestock. The bureau:

- regulates animal health requirements for moving into or within the state
- licenses livestock dealers and markets, and rendering and pet food plants
- works with the USDA to control and eradicate livestock diseases such as brucellosis, scabies, tuberculosis, pseudorabies, scrapie and chronic wasting disease
- disseminates information concerning animal disease
- implements licensing programs for domesticated cervine animal facilities and commercial dog and cat facilities
- works with producers on health programs, which address issues of production food safety and herd health certification plans, and recognize foreign animal diseases and management practices
- serves as a consulting agency for practicing veterinarians in Nebraska

The Bureau of Animal Industry licenses livestock auction markets upon recommendation by the Livestock Auction Market Board, as directed by the Nebraska Livestock Auction Market Development Act of 1963.

Livestock health was first vested in a Livestock Sanitary Board created in 1885 that consisted of a three-member, governor-appointed commission and a state veterinary surgeon. The 1901 Legislature repealed the 1885 act and made the governor the state veterinarian with power to appoint a deputy to perform the work of the office. In 1913, power was given to a five-member board with the governor as state veterinarian. The 1919 Legislature created the Bureau of Animal Industry as part of the new Department of Agriculture, with the state veterinarian in charge of the bureau.

### **Livestock Auction Market Board**

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**Statutory Reference:** 54-1160

The Livestock Auction Market Board administers the Nebraska Livestock Auction Market Act by recommending the issuance, suspension and revocation of market licenses.

The board has three members, including the director of agriculture, who serves as chairperson. The other two members are the state veterinarian and a governor-appointed livestock auction market owner or operator, who is appointed to a four-year term.

The board meets at least four times annually with additional meetings called by the director. Members receive \$50 a day or \$25 per half day when conducting board business and are reimbursed for their expenses.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Travis Bock, Columbus .....	Market Operator .....	Aug. 1, 2011
Greg Ibach, Lincoln.....	Director of Agriculture .....	Nonexpiring
Dr. Dennis Hughes, Lincoln .....	State Veterinarian .....	Nonexpiring

### **Wildlife Services (Animal Damage Control)**

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture has a contractual agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services (formerly Animal Damage Control) to carry out wildlife services in Nebraska.<sup>5</sup>

Wildlife Services provides operational and educational help to requesting landowners and public or private agencies within participating counties to control predatory mammals, field rodents, commensal rodents and birds.

Wildlife Services helps farmers and ranchers protect livestock from predatory animals. Services are provided to municipalities needing assistance with nuisance situations. One example would be the removal of large birds near airports if the birds present safety concerns for aircraft.

### **Market News**

Market News is a cooperative effort with USDA Market News Service to expand livestock auction market price reporting at a comparable level to surrounding states. Eleven additional markets were added as a result of this agreement.

### ***Bureau of Dairies and Foods***

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Food regulation in Nebraska began in 1899 with the creation of a Food Commission. In 1907, the commission became the Food, Dairy and Drug Commission. The duties of oil inspector, first established in 1887, were added to the commission in 1913. The governor was the commissioner and appointed a deputy, a state chemist and other employees.

The duties of the defunct Hotel Commission were added by the 1917 Legislature. This involved regulation of hotels, rooming houses, apartments and restaurants.

In 1937, the Legislature changed the bureau's name to the Bureau of Dairies, Foods and Drugs when a law concerning milk and cream testing was rewritten. Drug regulation was vested with the Department of Health in 1941.

The bureau enforced bingo laws from 1959 to 1965 after the 1959 Legislature legalized the game. Bingo law regulation was then transferred to the state tax commissioner's office.

The Department of Agriculture was reorganized by the director in 1967 to transfer administration of feed, fertilizer and poison laws to the Bureau of Plant Industry. Administration of livestock remedies law was transferred to the Bureau of Animal Industry. Also, the department laboratory was given division status.

In 1967, the Legislature passed the Nebraska Egg Law, which set standards for eggs consistent with those established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The act was

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<sup>5</sup>For more information about U.S. Wildlife Services, see Page 100.



paid for by a license fee and an inspection fee based on the volume of eggs handled. The law was updated in 1969 with a new licensing and inspection fee schedule. The 1969 act further required mandatory coding and dating of consumer packages of eggs.

In 1981, all previous food laws, with the exception of the Graded Egg Act, were repealed by the Legislature and replaced by the Nebraska Pure Food Act.

Except for earlier laws covering the grading of eggs, the duties of the Bureau of Dairies and Foods were established by the Nebraska Pure Food Act of 1997, which regulates commercial food in Nebraska. The types of establishments licensed and inspected include restaurants, taverns, grocery stores, bakeries, food processors, food storage establishments, mobile food units and push carts, vending, temporary food establishments, salvage distributors and salvage processing plants.

In 2007, the Grade A Milk Law was revised by adopting, by reference, the latest edition of the FDA/PHS Pasteurized Milk Ordinance and its related documents. This makes Nebraska's law equivalent to federal requirements and enables the industry to ship milk and milk products in interstate commerce. The legislation also combined the Manufacturing Milk Act and the Grade A Milk Law into one, which is now known as the Nebraska Milk Act. The act retains the farm requirements for manufacturing farms, but makes the milk processing and various other requirements equivalent to those found in the FDA/PHS Pasteurized Milk Ordinance. In addition, the law modified permit fees and the way inspection fees are calculated. This change is more equitable, spreads costs to all of the industry and provides some flexibility to raise or lower fees as necessary to maintain the program.

### *Agriculture Laboratories*

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In 1967, the Department of Agriculture laboratory was removed from the Bureau of Dairies, Foods and Drugs and given independent division status. Another reorganization in 1975 incorporated the Livestock Disease Control Laboratory and the Seed Laboratory into the Laboratory Division. In 1999, these two sections were combined into one laboratory. The laboratories are known collectively as the Department of Agriculture Laboratories. In 2004, the Livestock Disease Control Laboratory was closed. Brucellosis, the main pathogen tested in this section, was eradicated from Nebraska in 1995. Sample numbers have decreased substantially since that time. Those desiring a brucellosis test now send samples out of state. In 2007, the Seed Laboratory merged with the Nebraska Crop Improvement Association (NCIA) and testing functions now take place at the NCIA laboratory at 267 Plant Science Hall.

This division serves several regulatory divisions by performing chemical, physical, bacteriological, microscopical and serological analyses. These are used to evaluate foods, beverages, feeds, fertilizers, lime, economic poisons, seeds, dairy products and environmental samples.

The major divisions of the Agriculture Laboratories are as follows:

**Dairies and Foods Laboratory.** This lab is required to test Grade A milk and milk products and manufacturing milk and milk products. The samples are analyzed for

bacteria, somatic cell count, drug residues, proper pasteurization and other parameters. In addition, water from dairy operations and plants is tested for certain microbiological parameters.

Other food products are analyzed to see if they meet federal laws and manufacturers' label statements. These foods can be analyzed for such things as sodium, fat, cholesterol, dietary fiber, sugars, vitamins, pesticides and pathogenic and nonpathogenic bacteria, along with other parameters. This laboratory also tests foods submitted by the Health and Human Services' State Epidemiologist and other health organizations when a food-borne illness outbreak or bioterrorist act is suspected. The laboratory also is part of the Food Emergency Response Network, a national network of laboratories that maintain homeland security readiness.

**Feed, Fertilizer and Agricultural Lime Laboratory.** Feeds are analyzed to verify the accuracy of a manufacturer's guarantees. Adulterations, such as drug residues and mycotoxins, are analyzed as needed. Fertilizers are analyzed to see if they match the manufacturer's declared percentage of primary and secondary plant nutrients. Testing for adulterants also is performed when needed. Lime samples are tested and compared to fineness and effective calcium carbonate equivalent guarantees. Animal feed products also are tested for prohibited materials, those feed ingredients not allowed to be placed in feed destined for bovine animals. This testing is done to prevent Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy.

**Seed Laboratory.** The Nebraska Seed Law requires a seed laboratory to perform tests for purity, germination and noxious weeds and other tests as required on agricultural, vegetable, flower and wildflower seed. Wild bird food samples are analyzed for noxious weeds. Current testing includes official regulatory samples and service samples brought to the laboratory by citizens and seed companies, for which a fee is charged. Samples are tested under an NCIA program.

**Residue Laboratory.** Milk and associated products and food products are tested for pesticide residues for the Bureau of Dairies and Foods. Feed and grain samples are tested for pesticide contaminants.

Analytical work is performed by the Agriculture Laboratories for other state, federal and local agencies on a limited basis under a program established by law in 2005. The laboratories also cooperate with industry to solve analytical problems. The Nebraska Soil and Plant Laboratory Analysis Act is administered and enforced by the laboratory division.

### ***Bureau of Plant Industry***

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The Bureau of Plant Industry consists of the following programs: plant certification and inspection; feed, fertilizer and agricultural lime; pesticides; entomology; noxious weed control; and seed.

The bureau administers the apiary, plant protection and plant pest, commercial feed, commercial fertilizer and soil conditioner, agricultural liming materials, pesticide,

and seed and noxious weed control laws.

The plant certification and inspection program provides for inspections of plants and plant products for export. Companies and individuals whose products meet the requirements of the importing country are issued a federal phytosanitary certificate upon request. This program is performed jointly with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Nebraska grain elevators that ship corn, sorghum, broomcorn and sudans to western states and many foreign countries also are inspected. These inspections are necessary so Nebraska elevators can comply with European corn borer quarantines that many of these states and countries have established.

The feed, fertilizer and agricultural lime program has a staff of field inspectors who sample commercial and custom-mixed feeds, fertilizers and agricultural liming materials to assure customers that products meet label guarantees. Samples collected are submitted to the state agricultural laboratory, where they are analyzed and compared to label guarantees. The inspectors also routinely inspect firms that handle these products to make certain the firms are using good manufacturing practices in their operations. Under a state/federal agreement with the USDA Food and Drug Administration, feed mills that manufacture medicated feeds are inspected, using FDA-established guidelines. Under a compliance agreement with the FDA, the program also conducts interviews and inspections of individuals who have had animals slaughtered at meatpacking plants where drug residues were found.

Also under an agreement with the FDA, the bureau has developed a program to prevent the introduction and spread of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) also known as "mad cow disease." Inspections are performed and feeds are tested to make certain that prohibited materials including meat and bone meal derived from ruminants are not being fed to ruminant animals. An outreach program also has been developed to provide information to the public on what can be done to prevent the introduction of BSE.

The entomology program is responsible for preventing harmful plant pests from becoming introduced and established. This is accomplished by conducting statewide detection surveys for plant pests. Many of the surveys conducted are done in cooperation with USDA/APHIS/PPQ and are done to allow Nebraska agricultural commodities to be shipped to neighboring states as well as other countries. Nursery stock, plants and plant products imported into Nebraska are inspected for plant pests. Nursery stock dealers and growers are inspected for plant pests, general plant health and viability. Nursery stock not acceptable for distribution is withdrawn from distribution.

The pesticide program regulates the distribution, use, storage, application and disposal of pesticides. Field staff take samples of pesticide products. Laboratory analysis is done on all samples collected to determine whether the content matches the labeling. Under a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the program enforces provisions of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act. Programs are developed to implement various provisions of this act that deal with endangered species, worker protection and groundwater. Rules and regulations adopted under the Nebraska Pesticide Act provide for collecting samples and examining records; distributing, storing and using pesticides; labeling requirements of pesticides; reporting

and record-keeping requirements for people who use pesticide products; and limiting certain pesticides in designated areas. The program responds to complaints received when individuals believe that a misapplication or intentional misuse of a pesticide has taken place.

The 1998 Legislature passed the Nebraska Buffer Strip Act. The intent of the act was to develop a program providing incentives to landowners who establish buffer strips on certain types of lands to reduce the levels of sediment, crop nutrients and pesticides being introduced into surface water resources. Landowners who desire to participate in the buffer strip program are eligible to receive payments of up to \$250 per acre for up to 10 years. Landowners whose lands are accepted into the program are required to enter into agreements with their natural resources districts. This includes agreeing to maintain the lands according to the contact requirements.

The seed program provides for the collection of samples of agricultural seeds, lawn grass seed and vegetable seed. Samples collected are submitted to the state agriculture laboratory, where tests for purity, germination, content of noxious weed seed and other special tests are performed.

The noxious weed program protects Nebraskans from the threat posed by noxious weeds. The director of agriculture designates which plants are considered noxious and determines what control measures to use. The inspection staff evaluates county noxious weed programs, conducts annual county noxious weed surveys and responds to reports of uncontrolled noxious weed infestations. The program provides assistance to county weed control programs when training is needed for county weed superintendents. The director also is responsible for awarding grants for the purpose of removing vegetation in streams and rivers with the primary objective of improving conveyance of stream flow in natural streams.

### *Potato Development Division*

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**Statutory Reference:** 2-1802

The Potato Development Division was established as part of the Department of Agriculture by the 1945 Legislature. With the Potato Development Committee, the division normally contracts with universities for research activities. The division also conducts market promotion and development activities for potatoes for food and seed.

The 1969 Legislature updated a statute calling for a potato inspection grading service. As a service to the potato industry, the division helps the Potato Certification Association of Nebraska conduct an inspection program on Nebraska-certified seed potatoes. In addition, the division provides potato grading services, which are funded by user fees, as requested.

The division's activities are paid for by a tax on Nebraska-grown potatoes. The tax, originally one-half cent per 100 pounds, currently is .0075 cents per 100 pounds. The tax is collected from licensed potato shippers. Any shipper selling at least 180,000

pounds of potatoes a year (including growers not selling through licensed shippers) is defined as a shipper for tax purposes.

### **Nebraska Potato Development Committee**

#### **Statutory Reference: 2-1803**

The Nebraska Potato Development Committee adopts and provides rules and regulations for the Potato Development Division's affairs. The committee advises the director of agriculture on appointing the chief of the Potato Development Division and his or her deputies.

The committee consists of three potato shippers and four potato growers, appointed by the governor for two-year terms; the director of agriculture, who serves as chairperson; and the vice chancellor of the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, as an ex officio member.

The committee meets four times a year. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for their expenses.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
James R. Allen, Alliance .....	Potato Grower.....	Aug. 1, 2009
Ray Corey, Alliance .....	Potato Grower.....	Aug. 1, 2009
Eric Dethlefsen, Sutherland .....	Potato Shipper.....	Aug. 1, 2010
Tim May, Imperial.....	Potato Grower.....	Aug. 1, 2010
Jeffrey Phillips, O'Neill.....	Potato Shipper.....	Aug. 1, 2010
Traci Powers, Shelton .....	Potato Grower.....	Aug. 1, 2009
Joseph D. Thompson, Hemingford .....	Potato Shipper.....	Aug. 1, 2009
Greg Ibach, Lincoln (Chairman) .....	Director of Agriculture .....	Ex Officio
Dr. John C. Owens, Lincoln .....	Institute of Agriculture & Natural Resources.....	Ex Officio

### ***Poultry and Egg Development, Utilization and Marketing Division***

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#### **Statutory Reference: 2-3402**

The Poultry and Egg Development, Utilization and Marketing Division was created in 1976 with the passage of the Poultry and Egg Resources Act by the Legislature. The division works with public and private organizations to conduct programs enhancing the image of poultry, eggs and related products. These programs include consumer education, research, advertising, promotion, utilization and market development. A voluntary checkoff fee of up to 5 cents per case of eggs and 3 cents per marketed turkey may be assessed to run these programs.

**Nebraska Poultry and Egg Development,  
Utilization and Marketing Committee**

**Statutory Reference: 2-3404**

The Nebraska Poultry and Egg Development, Utilization and Marketing Committee advises the division manager on poultry and egg industry issues. State law calls for the elected directors of Nebraska Poultry Industries Inc. to serve as members. Ex officio committee members may include, but are not limited to, the following: the state director of agriculture; the vice chancellor of the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources; the UNL Department of Animal Sciences chairperson; a Department of Animal Sciences poultry specialist; the Nebraska Poultry Industries general manager; and a consumer organization representative.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>
Tim Bebec, Wakefield.....	Director
Brian Bevans, Waverly.....	Director
William Bevans, Waverly.....	Director
John Black, David City.....	Director
William Claybaugh, Carroll.....	Director
Richard Dutton, Wakefield.....	Director
Richard Earl, Lincoln.....	Director
Jerry Felber, Lincoln.....	Director
Greg Nelson, Manhattan, Kan.....	Director
Dale Petersen, Omaha.....	Director
Don Pohlmeier, Lawrence.....	Director
Ken Potter, Rising City.....	Chairperson
Jim Sechrist, Bonner Springs, Kan.....	Director
John Toney, Omaha.....	Director
Rolando Flores.....	Food Science and Technology, UNL (Ex Officio)
Glenn Froning, Lincoln.....	Food Science and Technology, UNL (Ex Officio)
David Hardin, Lincoln.....	Veterinary & Biomedical Sciences, UNL (Ex Officio)
Greg Ibach.....	Director of Agriculture (Ex Officio)
Susan S. Joy, Lincoln.....	Manager, Poultry and Egg Division, Department of Agriculture (Ex Officio)
Sheila Scheideler, Lincoln.....	Extension Poultry Specialist, UNL (Ex Officio)
Harshavardhant Thippareddi, Lincoln.....	Extension Food Safety Specialist, UNL (Ex Officio)
Dr. Delwin Wilmot, Lincoln.....	Deputy State Veterinarian (Ex Officio)

***USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service  
NASS, Nebraska Field Office<sup>6</sup>***

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service<sup>7</sup> operates the NASS, Nebraska Field Office.

The service provides and disseminates agricultural statistics for the state concerning production, supplies, marketing, prices and other related agricultural statistics. The

<sup>6</sup> For Nebraska agricultural statistics, see tables on Pages 469-489.

<sup>7</sup> For more information about the National Agricultural Statistics Service, see Page 114.

service presents a picture of current and future agricultural product supplies and shows the distribution of agricultural production statewide through county estimates.

The state law calling for gathering agricultural statistics through assessors was approved in 1898 with the duties assigned to the Bureau of Labor. Agricultural statistics work was transferred to the State Board of Agriculture in 1913. In 1919, duties of the Division of Agricultural Statistics were transferred to the Department of Agriculture.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture established an agricultural statistics office in Lincoln on July 3, 1914. The USDA gathered agricultural statistics in Nebraska as early as 1866.

Informal cooperation between the Agriculture Statistics Division under the State Board of Agriculture and the USDA's statistical office began in 1914, and a cooperative agreement was signed between the two agencies in 1918. This cooperative arrangement provides a more efficient program than two offices could carry out separately.

The service issues more than 150 agricultural production reports each year. These reports are based on data from surveys, using questionnaires sent to farmers and agricultural business firms. This information is supplemented through personal contacts and administrative data from other government agencies.

The most extensive surveys are made near the end of the year, when a sample of farmers and ranchers receive the Annual Agricultural Survey. This data is used for county crop and livestock estimates.

Most state estimates are published in USDA monthly and annual reports, as well as through releases available from the NASS, Nebraska Field Office. Data are available on the Web site.

Reports include crop production forecasts during the growing season and annual crop estimates after harvest, livestock inventory estimates, monthly cattle on feed reports, quarterly pig crop reports, monthly price reports, quarterly grain stocks reports, annual county estimates of crops and livestock, weekly weather and crop reports and the Census of Agriculture which is conducted every five years.

### *Weights and Measures Division*

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**Statutory Reference:** 89-1,102.01

When the Department of Agriculture was created in 1919, the Division of Weights and Measures became part of the Bureau of Markets and Marketing. The division checked commercial weighing and measuring devices for statewide accuracy. Though packaged products were not widely used, the division monitored the products for accurate quantity, and it continues to do so today. Prepackaging now is common with the variety of packaged commodities numbering in the millions.

In the mi-1940s, the division became part of the Bureau of Dairies and Foods, where it remained until 1972. The division's activities were sporadic and were conducted by the Bureau of Dairies and Foods and the Bureau of Plant Industry. In 1970, staff

members were hired specifically for weights. In 1971, the Nebraska Standards Laboratory was created with the capability of making precise calibrations of standards of mass, length and volume.

After a new weights and measures law was passed in 1972, inspection duties were given to one section for administration. In 1974, the Weights and Measures Division became a division within the Department of Agriculture. That same year, a regulation for the Voluntary Registration of Service Agencies and Servicemen for Commercial Weighing and Measuring Devices was adopted, as well as a regulation pertaining to requirements for pit scales that set minimum standards for construction. In 1982, the pit regulations were updated, and regulations were added regarding pitless-type scale installations. In 1991, the regulations again were updated to recognize advancements in technology and require only weighing and measuring devices that hold a national-type evaluation program certificate of conformance to be used in commerce.



# Nebraska National Agricultural Rankings\*

## May 2008

Rank	Category	Number
1st	Commercial red meat production, 2007	7,220,200,000 Pounds
1st	Great Northern bean production, 2007	991,000 Cwt.
1st	Light red kidney bean production, 2007	243,000 Cwt.
2nd	Commercial cattle slaughter, live weight, 2007	9,262,189,000 Pounds
2nd	Commercial cattle slaughter, number, 2007	7,071,400 Head
2nd	All cattle on feed, January 1, 2008	2,700,000 Head
2nd	Pinto beans production, 2007	1,132,000 Cwt.
2nd	Proso millet production, 2007	4,160,000 Bushels
2nd	Cash receipts from all meat animals, 2006	7,367,391,000 Dollars
2nd	Cash receipts from cattle and calves, 2007	7,137,669,000 Dollars
3rd	Corn for grain production, 2007	1,472,000,000 Bushels
3rd	All cattle and calves, January 1, 2008	6,550,000 Head
3rd	Total value of all cattle and calves, January 1, 2008	6,157,000,000 Dollars
3rd	Fed cattle marketed (1,000+ capacity lots), 2007	4,830,000 Head
3rd	Cash receipts from all feed crops, 2006	2,559,242,000 Dollars
3rd	Cash receipts from corn, 2006	2,403,245,000 Dollars
3rd	Cash receipts from sorghum grain, 2006	41,949,000 Dollars
3rd	Cash receipts from livestock and products, 2006	7,683,386,000 Dollars
4th	All dry edible beans production, 2007	2,418,000 Cwt.
4th	Sorghum for grain production, 2007	23,520,000 Bushels
4th	Cash receipts from all commodities, 2006	12,042,344,000 Dollars
4th	On-farm grain storage capacity, December 1, 2007	1,100,000,000 Bushels
4th	Off-farm grain storage capacity, December 1, 2007	761,200,000 Bushels
4th	Beef cows and heifers that have calved, January 1, 2008	1,883,000 Head
4th	Land in farms and ranches, 2007	45,600,000 Acres
4th	Value of principal crops produced, 2007	9,157,969,000 Dollars
5th	Cash receipts from soybeans, 2006	1,304,036,000 Dollars
5th	Cash receipts from all oil crops, 2006	1,318,419,000 Dollars
5th	Calf crop, 2007	1,760,000 Head
5th	Alfalfa hay production, 2007	4,198,000 Tons
6th	Soybean production, 2007	190,385,000 Bushels
6th	Sunflower production, 2007	59,770,000 Pounds
6th	Commercial hog slaughter, live weight, 2007	1,995,460,000 Pounds
6th	Commercial hog slaughter, number, 2007	7,428,000 Head
6th	Pig crop, 2007	7,062,000 Head
6th	Value of all hogs and pigs on farms, December 1, 2007	256,750,000 Dollars
6th	All hogs and pigs, December 1, 2007	3,250,000 Head
7th	Winter wheat production, 2007	84,280,000 Bushels
7th	Sugarbeet production, 2007	1,041,000 Tons
7th	All hay production, 2007	6,298,000 Tons
7th	Harvested acreage, principal crops, 2007	18,382,000 Acres
7th	Table eggs produced, 2007	2,984,000,000 Eggs
7th	Cash receipts from hogs and pigs, 2007	755,129,000 Dollars
7th	Cash receipts from sugarbeets, 2006	39,824,000 Dollars
8th	Sorghum silage production, 2007	315,000 Tons
8th	Net farm income, 2006	2,297,014,000 Dollars
8th	Cash receipts from crops, 2006	4,358,958,000 Dollars
9th	All wheat production, 2007	84,280,000 Bushels
9th	Cash receipts from wheat, 2006	256,565,000 Dollars
11th	All potato production, 2007	8,051,000 Cwt.
11th	Oats production, 2007	2,380,000 Bushels
12th	Other hay (excludes alfalfa) production, 2007	2,100,000 Tons
13th	Corn silage production, 2007	2,550,000 Tons
13th	All chickens, December 1, 2007	12,261,000 Head
13th	Cash receipts from all food grains, 2006	257,210,000 Dollars
13th	Cash receipts from chicken eggs, 2007	185,092,000 Dollars
14th	Cash receipts from potatoes, 2006	58,560,000 Dollars
15th	Total value of all chickens, December 1, 2007	26,974,000 Dollars
16th	Honey production, 2007	2,205,000 Pounds
16th	Wool production, 2007	540,000 Pounds
18th	Number of farms, 2007	47,300 Farms
19th	Value of wool production, 2007	216,000 Dollars
20th	Cash receipts from hay, 2006	99,308,000 Dollars
20th	All sheep and lambs, January 1, 2008	85,000 Head

\* Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

## Crop Production in Nebraska, 1946-2007\*

Year	WHEAT			CORN FOR GRAIN		
	Harvested Acres	Production in Bushels	Value	Harvested Acres	Production in Bushels	Value
1946.....	3,954,000	90,677,000	171,370,000	7,418,000	218,831,000	330,435,000
1947.....	4,434,000	92,757,000	206,808,000	6,973,000	139,460,000	295,655,000
1948.....	4,275,000	87,111,000	172,411,000	6,945,000	243,075,000	313,567,000
1949.....	4,165,000	58,213,000	111,123,000	7,293,000	226,812,000	274,443,000
1950.....	4,051,000	88,482,000	180,503,000	6,710,000	241,560,000	350,262,000
1951.....	4,005,000	58,073,000	125,370,000	6,726,000	188,328,000	291,908,000
1952.....	4,390,000	98,367,000	205,561,000	6,660,000	253,080,000	377,089,000
1953.....	3,856,000	85,980,000	178,838,000	6,646,000	196,057,000	288,204,000
1954.....	3,107,000	60,093,000	129,801,000	6,497,000	188,413,000	275,083,000
1955.....	3,141,000	78,255,000	156,510,000	4,775,000	95,500,000	137,520,000
1956.....	3,324,000	64,698,000	128,741,000	4,037,000	94,870,000	129,023,000
1957.....	2,920,000	78,741,000	151,172,000	4,718,000	219,387,000	239,132,000
1958.....	3,442,000	113,488,000	197,463,000	5,415,000	276,165,000	309,305,000
1959.....	3,104,000	68,204,000	120,023,000	6,558,000	318,063,000	327,605,000
1960.....	3,011,000	85,712,000	148,263,000	6,538,000	333,438,000	326,769,000
1961.....	3,220,000	78,807,000	140,276,000	5,296,000	275,392,000	305,685,000
1962.....	2,760,000	53,820,000	104,411,000	5,031,000	304,376,000	337,857,000
1963.....	2,815,000	60,522,000	110,755,000	5,031,000	286,767,000	309,708,000
1964.....	2,871,000	70,340,000	93,552,000	3,793,000	204,822,000	237,594,000
1965.....	2,727,000	54,540,000	72,538,000	3,565,000	249,550,000	291,974,000
1966.....	2,860,000	100,100,000	163,163,000	4,100,000	328,000,000	390,320,000
1967.....	3,265,000	86,523,000	114,210,000	4,510,000	333,740,000	350,427,000
1968.....	3,070,000	98,240,000	114,941,000	4,239,000	313,686,000	341,918,000
1969.....	2,650,000	83,495,000	97,666,000	4,620,000	434,280,000	473,365,000
1970.....	2,410,000	91,580,000	111,728,000	4,828,000	366,928,000	458,660,000
1971.....	2,434,000	102,228,000	126,763,000	5,300,000	450,500,000	500,055,000
1972.....	2,509,000	92,833,000	161,529,000	5,135,000	534,040,000	817,081,000
1973.....	2,680,000	93,800,000	356,440,000	5,900,000	554,600,000	1,336,586,000
1974.....	2,900,000	98,600,000	395,666,000	5,700,000	399,000,000	1,165,080,000
1975.....	3,070,000	98,240,000	333,034,000	5,920,000	503,200,000	1,247,936,000
1976.....	2,950,000	94,400,000	224,672,000	6,100,000	518,500,000	1,068,110,000
1977.....	2,950,000	103,250,000	229,215,000	6,550,000	648,450,000	1,277,447,000
1978.....	2,550,000	81,600,000	227,664,000	6,750,000	762,750,000	1,693,305,000
1979.....	2,550,000	86,700,000	319,056,000	7,150,000	822,250,000	2,039,180,000
1980.....	2,850,000	108,300,000	413,706,000	7,100,000	603,500,000	1,858,780,000
1981.....	2,900,000	104,400,000	384,192,000	6,880,000	791,200,000	1,954,264,000
1982.....	2,900,000	101,500,000	340,025,000	6,800,000	748,000,000	2,109,360,000
1983.....	2,300,000	98,900,000	331,315,000	4,850,000	470,450,000	1,472,509,000
1984.....	2,250,000	81,000,000	266,490,000	6,950,000	806,200,000	2,079,996,000
1985.....	2,300,000	89,700,000	250,263,000	7,450,000	953,600,000	2,116,992,000
1986.....	2,000,000	76,000,000	169,480,000	7,000,000	896,000,000	1,361,920,000
1987.....	1,950,000	85,800,000	210,210,000	6,200,000	812,200,000	1,591,912,000
1988.....	2,000,000	72,000,000	263,520,000	6,600,000	818,400,000	2,029,632,000
1989.....	2,050,000	55,350,000	207,563,000	7,000,000	847,000,000	1,948,100,000
1990.....	2,250,000	85,500,000	216,315,000	7,300,000	934,400,000	2,130,432,000
1991.....	2,100,000	67,200,000	202,272,000	7,800,000	990,600,000	2,318,004,000
1992.....	1,850,000	55,500,000	175,380,000	7,900,000	1,066,500,000	2,228,985,000
1993.....	2,100,000	73,500,000	223,440,000	7,550,000	785,200,000	1,978,704,000
1994.....	2,100,000	71,400,000	242,046,000	8,250,000	1,146,750,000	2,671,928,000
1995.....	2,100,000	86,100,000	392,616,000	7,700,000	854,700,000	2,752,134,000
1996.....	2,100,000	73,500,000	315,315,000	8,250,000	1,179,750,000	3,114,540,000
1997.....	1,900,000	70,300,000	224,960,000	8,600,000	1,135,200,000	2,633,664,000
1998.....	1,800,000	82,800,000	210,312,000	8,550,000	1,239,750,000	2,330,730,000
1999.....	1,700,000	81,600,000	179,520,000	8,300,000	1,153,700,000	2,018,975,000
2000.....	1,650,000	59,400,000	155,034,000	8,050,000	1,014,300,000	1,927,170,000
2001.....	1,600,000	59,200,000	162,800,000	7,750,000	1,139,250,000	2,210,145,000
2002.....	1,520,000	50,160,000	175,104,000	7,350,000	940,800,000	2,182,656,000
2003.....	1,820,000	83,720,000	272,090,000	7,700,000	1,124,200,000	2,754,290,000
2004.....	1,650,000	61,050,000	197,192,000	7,950,000	1,319,700,000	2,665,794,000
2005.....	1,760,000	68,640,000	230,630,000	8,250,000	1,270,500,000	2,439,360,000
2006.....	1,700,000	61,200,000	279,684,000	7,750,000	1,178,000,000	3,543,000,000
2007.....	1,960,000	84,280,000	522,536,000	9,200,000	1,472,000,000	5,888,000,000

\*Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

# Crop Production in Nebraska, 1946-2007 (Cont'd.)\*

Year	OATS			BARLEY		
	Harvested Acres	Production in Bushels	Value	Harvested Acres	Production in Bushels	Value
1946.....	2,561,000	71,708,000	53,781,000	549,000	11,529,000	13,835,000
1947.....	2,279,000	62,672,000	62,045,000	467,000	10,274,000	15,822,000
1948.....	2,621,000	73,388,000	49,904,000	472,000	9,204,000	9,664,000
1949.....	2,228,000	45,674,000	29,231,000	326,000	6,096,000	5,547,000
1950.....	2,562,000	61,488,000	47,961,000	310,000	4,650,000	5,068,000
1951.....	2,101,000	56,727,000	47,651,000	202,000	4,444,000	5,333,000
1952.....	2,374,000	45,106,000	34,732,000	166,000	3,403,000	4,152,000
1953.....	2,232,000	41,292,000	29,317,000	174,000	3,306,000	3,537,000
1954.....	2,254,000	63,112,000	44,178,000	226,000	3,955,000	4,153,000
1955.....	2,029,000	52,754,000	33,763,000	190,000	3,800,000	3,534,000
1956.....	1,339,000	16,068,000	12,212,000	190,000	2,280,000	2,326,000
1957.....	1,500,000	50,250,000	30,150,000	239,000	7,409,000	5,927,000
1958.....	1,380,000	48,300,000	27,048,000	244,000	6,710,000	5,905,000
1959.....	1,277,000	31,925,000	20,113,000	317,000	6,816,000	4,976,000
1960.....	1,213,000	43,062,000	24,976,000	225,000	6,525,000	4,633,000
1961.....	1,067,000	34,144,000	21,511,000	225,000	6,300,000	5,103,000
1962.....	939,000	30,987,000	19,832,000	117,000	3,042,000	2,525,000
1963.....	845,000	23,238,000	15,105,000	84,000	1,512,000	1,270,000
1964.....	617,000	17,584,000	11,781,000	78,000	1,638,000	1,441,000
1965.....	617,000	24,680,000	16,042,000	37,000	1,110,000	1,010,000
1966.....	543,000	21,720,000	14,770,000	32,000	960,000	941,000
1967.....	483,000	20,010,000	14,287,000	25,000	875,000	831,000
1968.....	464,000	12,760,000	8,549,000	35,000	1,155,000	1,016,000
1969.....	561,000	24,404,000	15,130,000	40,000	1,360,000	1,197,000
1970.....	578,000	24,276,000	15,779,000	45,000	1,620,000	1,442,000
1971.....	517,000	26,367,000	17,402,000	42,000	1,680,000	1,529,000
1972.....	390,000	19,110,000	14,715,000	38,000	1,292,000	1,331,000
1973.....	430,000	21,070,000	24,231,000	30,000	1,080,000	1,890,000
1974.....	535,000	25,145,000	38,220,000	27,000	945,000	2,079,000
1975.....	590,000	28,910,000	41,630,000	33,000	1,188,000	2,435,000
1976.....	660,000	27,720,000	41,580,000	40,000	1,440,000	2,808,000
1977.....	700,000	40,600,000	40,194,000	43,000	1,935,000	3,077,000
1978.....	450,000	21,150,000	25,803,000	29,000	1,102,000	1,873,000
1979.....	400,000	21,200,000	27,984,000	28,000	1,204,000	2,107,000
1980.....	380,000	15,580,000	28,823,000	25,000	950,000	2,185,000
1981.....	395,000	15,800,000	30,178,000	22,000	858,000	1,888,000
1982.....	460,000	26,680,000	38,686,000	22,000	1,100,000	2,200,000
1983.....	310,000	13,640,000	23,052,000	69,000	2,691,000	6,189,000
1984.....	320,000	15,680,000	26,813,000	78,000	2,652,000	5,437,000
1985.....	420,000	25,620,000	29,975,000	120,000	3,840,000	6,336,000
1986.....	360,000	21,240,000	24,001,000	135,000	5,400,000	6,480,000
1987.....	360,000	17,640,000	28,577,000	70,000	2,520,000	3,024,000
1988.....	320,000	12,160,000	29,062,000	60,000	1,920,000	3,648,000
1989.....	240,000	8,640,000	13,478,000	25,000	650,000	1,138,000
1990.....	280,000	13,440,000	15,994,000	22,000	880,000	1,945,000
1991.....	220,000	11,880,000	14,375,000	27,000	1,026,000	1,847,000
1992.....	220,000	15,400,000	20,174,000	17,000	850,000	1,615,000
1993.....	160,000	6,880,000	9,838,000	14,000	532,000	958,000
1994.....	150,000	7,500,000	9,675,000	8,000	304,000	562,000
1995.....	90,000	4,500,000	8,235,000	6,000	222,000	477,000
1996.....	105,000	7,455,000	15,730,000	17,000	901,000	1,937,000
1997.....	90,000	5,850,000	10,472,000	9,000	459,000	1,010,000
1998.....	95,000	5,320,000	6,331,000	8,000	400,000	720,000
1999.....	75,000	4,650,000	5,022,000	3,000	144,000	202,000
2000.....	45,000	1,890,000	2,684,000	5,000	135,000	216,000
2001.....	60,000	3,660,000	5,819,000	4,000	180,000	297,000
2002.....	55,000	2,365,000	4,730,000	4,000	128,000	237,000
2003.....	90,000	6,570,000	9,855,000	4,000	200,000	380,000
2004.....	50,000	3,400,000	5,134,000	3,000	162,000	292,000
2005.....	60,000	4,380,000	7,139,000	-	-	-
2006.....	45,000	2,025,000	4,030,000	-	-	-
2007.....	35,000	2,380,000	6,664,000	-	-	-

\* Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

## Crop Production in Nebraska, 1946-2007 (Cont'd.)\*

Year	SORGHUM FOR GRAIN			SOYBEANS			
	Harvested	Production in	Value	Harvested	Production in	Value	Value
	Acres	Bushels		Acres	Bushels		
1946.....	78,000	1,560,000	1,794,000	23,000	483,000	1,232,000	
1947.....	75,000	1,125,000	2,104,000	32,000	464,000	1,559,000	
1948.....	117,000	2,632,000	3,737,000	23,000	529,000	1,180,000	
1949.....	109,000	2,572,000	3,164,000	20,000	444,000	959,000	
1950.....	194,000	4,850,000	4,898,000	50,000	1,200,000	2,880,000	
1951.....	128,000	1,664,000	2,196,000	58,000	1,276,000	3,394,000	
1952.....	97,000	2,231,000	3,101,000	88,000	2,288,000	6,086,000	
1953.....	187,000	2,992,000	3,590,000	105,000	1,942,000	4,991,000	
1954.....	540,000	14,580,000	17,788,000	188,000	4,042,000	9,458,000	
1955.....	720,000	7,920,000	8,237,000	180,000	1,890,000	3,988,000	
1956.....	889,000	12,446,000	14,188,000	146,000	1,679,000	3,526,000	
1957.....	1,983,000	77,337,000	74,244,000	142,000	3,692,000	7,199,000	
1958.....	1,624,000	76,328,000	78,618,000	206,000	5,974,000	11,590,000	
1959.....	1,418,000	61,683,000	48,113,000	146,000	3,504,000	6,482,000	
1960.....	1,796,000	90,698,000	72,558,000	164,000	4,592,000	8,908,000	
1961.....	1,185,000	59,842,000	59,842,000	292,000	7,446,000	16,158,000	
1962.....	1,540,000	101,640,000	101,640,000	310,000	8,370,000	18,665,000	
1963.....	1,863,000	102,465,000	94,268,000	356,000	10,146,000	24,553,000	
1964.....	1,975,000	90,850,000	89,942,000	523,000	11,506,000	28,535,000	
1965.....	2,271,000	121,498,000	110,563,000	696,000	16,356,000	39,582,000	
1966.....	2,089,000	142,052,000	136,370,000	745,000	21,978,000	58,022,000	
1967.....	2,193,000	123,904,000	110,275,000	782,000	17,595,000	42,932,000	
1968.....	1,700,000	98,600,000	86,768,000	782,000	18,377,000	43,737,000	
1969.....	1,514,000	110,522,000	106,101,000	766,000	24,895,000	55,765,000	
1970.....	1,480,000	75,480,000	81,518,000	812,000	17,864,000	49,662,000	
1971.....	2,057,000	123,420,000	114,781,000	609,000	15,225,000	45,523,000	
1972.....	1,640,000	118,080,000	161,770,000	707,000	22,978,000	102,712,000	
1973.....	2,000,000	136,000,000	284,240,000	1,210,000	36,300,000	194,931,000	
1974.....	1,900,000	62,700,000	168,663,000	1,150,000	28,175,000	175,249,000	
1975.....	1,900,000	104,500,000	237,215,000	1,200,000	32,400,000	155,844,000	
1976.....	2,100,000	119,700,000	215,460,000	980,000	19,600,000	127,008,000	
1977.....	2,070,000	146,970,000	257,198,000	1,130,000	40,680,000	233,503,000	
1978.....	1,870,000	140,250,000	263,670,000	1,250,000	42,500,000	276,250,000	
1979.....	1,920,000	151,680,000	341,280,000	1,610,000	54,740,000	325,703,000	
1980.....	2,030,000	121,800,000	347,130,000	1,770,000	53,100,000	384,975,000	
1981.....	2,060,000	164,800,000	352,672,000	2,070,000	78,660,000	455,441,000	
1982.....	1,760,000	128,480,000	294,219,000	2,250,000	78,750,000	437,700,000	
1983.....	1,000,000	61,000,000	162,260,000	2,070,000	58,995,000	452,492,000	
1984.....	1,900,000	121,600,000	269,952,000	2,550,000	66,300,000	373,269,000	
1985.....	1,930,000	154,400,000	296,448,000	2,360,000	84,960,000	412,906,000	
1986.....	1,530,000	136,170,000	183,830,000	2,450,000	93,100,000	424,536,000	
1987.....	1,300,000	106,600,000	172,692,000	2,350,000	83,425,000	485,534,000	
1988.....	1,360,000	103,360,000	223,258,000	2,360,000	70,800,000	517,548,000	
1989.....	1,630,000	101,060,000	205,152,000	2,560,000	81,920,000	446,464,000	
1990.....	1,410,000	108,570,000	222,568,000	2,360,000	81,420,000	455,138,000	
1991.....	1,350,000	90,450,000	202,608,000	2,460,000	82,410,000	450,783,000	
1992.....	1,530,000	143,820,000	260,314,000	2,460,000	103,320,000	554,828,000	
1993.....	1,250,000	73,750,000	167,413,000	2,500,000	90,000,000	558,000,000	
1994.....	1,200,000	117,600,000	230,496,000	2,860,000	134,420,000	711,082,000	
1995.....	980,000	56,840,000	172,225,000	3,060,000	100,980,000	662,429,000	
1996.....	1,030,000	97,850,000	228,969,000	3,010,000	135,450,000	973,886,000	
1997.....	750,000	60,750,000	130,613,000	3,550,000	143,775,000	902,907,000	
1998.....	600,000	56,400,000	94,752,000	3,750,000	165,000,000	796,950,000	
1999.....	470,000	42,770,000	65,010,000	4,250,000	180,625,000	807,394,000	
2000.....	500,000	35,000,000	64,400,000	4,575,000	173,850,000	771,894,000	
2001.....	425,000	35,700,000	64,574,000	4,900,000	222,950,000	934,161,000	
2002.....	320,000	16,000,000	35,532,000	4,580,000	176,330,000	957,472,000	
2003.....	500,000	31,000,000	74,648,000	4,490,000	179,600,000	1,275,100,000	
2004.....	415,000	32,370,000	55,832,000	4,750,000	218,500,000	1,210,490,000	
2005.....	250,000	21,750,000	37,149,000	4,660,000	235,330,000	1,306,082,000	
2006.....	240,000	19,200,000	59,566,000	5,010,000	250,500,000	1,515,525,000	
2007.....	240,000	23,520,000	91,540,000	3,770,000	190,385,000	1,894,331,000	

\*Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

# Crop Production in Nebraska, 1946-2007 (Cont'd.)\*

Year	RYE <sup>1</sup>			ALFALFA HAY <sup>2</sup>		
	Harvested Acres	Production in Bushels	Value	Harvested Acres	Production in Bushels	Value
1946.....	282,000	3,102,000	5,739,000	913,000	1,735,000	
1947.....	305,000	2,745,000	6,121,000	1,070,000	2,194,000	
1948.....	238,000	2,261,000	3,165,000	1,145,000	2,347,000	
1949.....	207,000	1,532,000	1,731,000	1,260,000	2,482,000	
1950.....	224,000	2,464,000	3,006,000	1,348,000	2,696,000	
1951.....	202,000	1,717,000	2,558,000	1,456,000	3,058,000	
1952.....	170,000	1,615,000	2,616,000	1,529,000	3,211,000	
1953.....	128,000	1,152,000	1,244,000	1,712,000	2,996,000	
1954.....	146,000	1,387,000	1,470,000	2,054,000	3,903,000	
1955.....	155,000	1,705,000	1,620,000	2,198,000	3,407,000	
1956.....	186,000	1,674,000	1,774,000	2,088,000	3,132,000	
1957.....	166,000	2,573,000	2,470,000	2,234,000	5,026,000	
1958.....	166,000	2,905,000	2,644,000	2,122,000	4,774,000	
1959.....	156,000	2,106,000	1,874,000	1,782,000	3,920,000	
1960.....	175,000	2,975,000	2,350,000	1,764,000	4,057,000	
1961.....	168,000	2,940,000	2,617,000	1,711,000	3,679,000	
1962.....	225,000	3,600,000	3,168,000	1,831,000	4,394,000	
1963.....	151,000	1,812,000	1,703,000	1,831,000	4,394,000	
1964.....	136,000	2,040,000	1,877,000	1,813,000	4,079,000	
1965.....	113,000	1,978,000	1,820,000	1,813,000	4,532,000	
1966.....	145,000	3,045,000	2,984,000	1,795,000	4,308,000	
1967.....	88,000	1,320,000	1,267,000	1,795,000	4,308,000	
1968.....	88,000	1,320,000	1,228,000	1,741,000	4,178,000	
1969.....	135,000	2,565,000	2,283,000	1,741,000	4,701,000	
1970.....	190,000	4,750,000	4,228,000	1,750,000	4,025,000	
1971.....	210,000	5,880,000	4,939,000	1,698,000	4,585,000	
1972.....	60,000	1,440,000	1,368,000	1,670,000	4,760,000	
1973.....	65,000	1,300,000	2,002,000	1,770,000	5,310,000	
1974.....	45,000	900,000	1,980,000	1,700,000	4,335,000	
1975.....	45,000	855,000	1,847,000	1,700,000	4,590,000	
1976.....	45,000	765,000	1,607,000	1,650,000	4,125,000	
1977.....	50,000	1,050,000	1,838,000	1,700,000	5,440,000	
1978.....	40,000	760,000	1,558,000	1,650,000	5,280,000	
1979.....	35,000	770,000	1,579,000	1,650,000	5,363,000	
1980.....	37,000	666,000	1,532,000	1,650,000	5,033,000	
1981.....	44,000	924,000	2,541,000	1,600,000	4,960,000	
1982.....	47,000	1,269,000	2,792,000	1,600,000	5,440,000	
1983.....	55,000	1,265,000	2,910,000	1,550,000	5,115,000	
1984.....	58,000	1,392,000	2,784,000	1,600,000	5,280,000	
1985.....	54,000	1,242,000	2,111,000	1,400,000	4,760,000	
1986.....	45,000	1,035,000	1,449,000	1,350,000	4,658,000	
1987.....	50,000	1,150,000	1,668,000	1,300,000	4,615,000	
1988.....	55,000	1,375,000	3,300,000	1,350,000	4,050,000	
1989.....	30,000	600,000	1,140,000	1,300,000	3,900,000	
1990.....	30,000	750,000	1,500,000	1,450,000	4,785,000	\$284,708,000
1991.....	50,000	1,000,000	2,050,000	1,450,000	4,785,000	229,680,000
1992.....	27,000	702,000	1,439,000	1,500,000	5,550,000	260,850,000
1993.....	25,000	500,000	1,055,000	1,400,000	4,760,000	247,520,000
1994.....	26,000	546,000	1,365,000	1,400,000	5,040,000	282,240,000
1995.....	20,000	480,000	1,200,000	1,350,000	4,860,000	298,890,000
1996.....	17,000	323,000	808,000	1,400,000	5,180,000	357,420,000
1997.....	12,000	240,000	864,000	1,300,000	4,225,000	335,888,000
1998.....	12,000	288,000	518,000	1,400,000	5,250,000	259,875,000
1999.....	15,000	405,000	567,000	1,400,000	5,180,000	202,020,000
2000.....	-	-	-	1,350,000	4,185,000	299,228,000
2001.....	-	-	-	1,400,000	4,970,000	368,082,000
2002.....	-	-	-	1,350,000	4,050,000	346,275,000
2003.....	-	-	-	1,450,000	5,220,000	341,910,000
2004.....	-	-	-	1,250,000	4,563,000	232,713,000
2005.....	-	-	-	1,250,000	4,625,000	231,250,000
2006.....	-	-	-	1,250,000	4,125,000	375,375,000
2007.....	-	-	-	1,150,000	4,198,000	384,117,000

\* Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.<sup>1</sup> Rye estimates were discontinued after 1999.

<sup>2</sup> Values for alfalfa hay are included in values for all hay (See table on Page 474.)

## Crop Production in Nebraska, 1946-2007 (Cont'd.)\*

Year	SUGAR BEETS			ALL HAY		
	Harvested	Production in	Value	Harvested	Production in	Value
	Acres	Bushels		Acres	Bushels	
1946.....	60,000	825,000	8,580,000	3,915,000	3,787,000	61,728,000
1947.....	71,000	805,000	9,177,000	4,305,000	4,881,000	86,882,000
1948.....	42,000	496,000	4,563,000	4,334,000	4,532,000	92,906,000
1949.....	38,000	558,000	5,859,000	4,871,000	5,260,000	77,322,000
1950.....	59,000	812,000	9,582,000	4,994,000	5,563,000	80,107,000
1951.....	55,000	683,000	7,991,000	5,138,000	6,194,000	108,395,000
1952.....	57,900	904,000	9,582,000	5,317,000	6,098,000	140,864,000
1953.....	51,700	789,000	9,130,000	5,391,000	5,529,000	103,604,000
1954.....	60,100	786,000	8,410,000	5,595,000	6,399,000	113,262,000
1955.....	46,300	665,000	7,514,000	5,506,000	5,514,000	103,663,000
1956.....	56,100	848,000	10,939,000	5,339,000	4,966,000	106,272,000
1957.....	59,800	895,000	10,561,000	5,435,000	7,655,000	94,922,000
1958.....	61,100	902,000	11,185,000	5,236,000	7,344,000	71,237,000
1959.....	63,900	1,107,000	13,505,000	4,772,000	6,230,000	92,204,000
1960.....	68,700	1,226,000	15,815,000	4,922,000	6,685,000	100,275,000
1961.....	77,700	1,155,000	14,322,000	4,900,000	6,047,000	100,985,000
1962.....	72,700	940,000	12,314,000	5,227,000	7,433,000	115,212,000
1963.....	83,100	1,594,000	19,766,000	4,809,000	6,602,000	118,836,000
1964.....	86,200	1,407,000	18,150,000	4,724,000	6,272,000	126,067,000
1965.....	66,500	928,000	12,064,000	4,673,000	7,063,000	134,197,000
1966.....	65,200	1,205,000	16,388,000	4,490,000	6,379,000	137,148,000
1967.....	62,900	853,000	12,283,000	4,491,000	6,497,000	126,692,000
1968.....	71,800	1,222,000	18,819,000	4,297,000	6,054,000	133,188,000
1969.....	87,300	1,673,000	19,407,000	4,328,000	6,951,000	142,496,000
1970.....	78,700	1,365,000	20,202,000	4,150,000	6,100,000	128,100,000
1971.....	77,700	1,425,000	23,085,000	4,170,000	6,933,000	145,593,000
1972.....	82,100	1,650,000	29,865,000	4,050,000	7,140,000	171,360,000
1973.....	74,400	1,482,000	53,352,000	4,050,000	7,476,000	242,970,000
1974.....	75,500	1,382,000	69,376,000	3,850,000	6,270,000	282,150,000
1975.....	96,000	1,776,000	51,326,000	3,950,000	6,503,000	292,635,000
1976.....	84,500	1,690,000	35,997,000	3,800,000	5,953,000	315,509,000
1977.....	67,700	1,354,000	36,558,000	3,900,000	7,530,000	252,255,000
1978.....	76,000	1,368,000	38,030,000	3,800,000	7,538,000	263,830,000
1979.....	72,400	1,462,000	49,708,000	3,700,000	7,618,000	312,338,000
1980.....	85,000	1,777,000	83,519,000	3,700,000	7,083,000	389,565,000
1981.....	78,400	1,889,000	63,659,000	3,650,000	7,010,000	417,095,000
1982.....	45,400	926,000	32,317,000	3,700,000	7,855,000	361,330,000
1983.....	65,300	1,233,000	38,963,000	3,650,000	7,635,000	389,385,000
1984.....	67,500	1,480,000	33,596,000	3,700,000	7,695,000	377,055,000
1985.....	53,200	1,229,000	35,027,000	3,300,000	6,755,000	283,710,000
1986.....	59,000	1,387,000	45,078,000	3,450,000	7,388,000	251,192,000
1987.....	60,200	1,102,000	39,121,000	3,100,000	6,865,000	274,600,000
1988.....	62,200	1,319,000	56,981,000	3,400,000	6,510,000	413,385,000
1989.....	62,200	1,169,000	50,501,000	3,200,000	5,705,000	430,228,000
1990.....	71,000	1,491,000	59,789,000	3,650,000	7,205,000	410,548,000
1991.....	78,100	1,578,000	61,542,000	3,600,000	7,473,000	335,856,000
1992.....	77,500	1,387,000	54,925,000	3,450,000	7,793,000	350,570,000
1993.....	79,600	1,473,000	52,586,000	3,450,000	7,323,000	359,011,000
1994.....	74,100	1,504,000	54,896,000	3,300,000	7,415,000	391,490,000
1995.....	72,300	1,186,000	40,798,000	3,150,000	7,200,000	407,700,000
1996.....	51,200	913,000	40,537,000	3,150,000	7,455,000	470,033,000
1997.....	60,300	1,013,000	36,063,000	3,200,000	6,790,000	485,941,000
1998.....	47,400	934,000	32,877,000	3,200,000	7,680,000	363,150,000
1999.....	66,200	1,258,000	41,766,000	3,200,000	7,700,000	286,440,000
2000.....	54,800	1,112,000	32,470,000	2,950,000	5,945,000	416,103,000
2001.....	41,400	840,000	30,996,000	3,200,000	7,400,000	519,957,000
2002.....	42,000	760,000	30,400,000	3,050,000	5,750,000	497,325,000
2003.....	42,400	861,000	36,420,000	3,150,000	7,600,000	487,090,000
2004.....	47,500	1,050,000	41,895,000	2,800,000	6,423,000	323,853,000
2005.....	45,300	924,000	39,824,000	2,850,000	6,945,000	337,970,000
2006.....	57,800	1,347,000	59,942,000	2,800,000	5,753,000	510,499,000
2007.....	44,300	1,041,000	-	2,650,000	6,298,000	546,867,000

\* Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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Year	CATTLE		SHEEP		CHICKENS <sup>1</sup>	
	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value
1900.....	2,808,000	\$87,709,000	-	-	-	-
1910.....	2,972,000	72,816,000	-	-	-	-
1920.....	3,154,000	149,500,000	-	-	-	-
1930.....	3,060,000	168,300,000	1,208,000	\$9,906,000	16,282,000	\$12,700,000
1931.....	3,242,000	126,438,000	990,000	4,653,000	15,700,000	8,949,000
1932.....	3,330,000	80,586,000	1,095,000	3,285,000	14,453,000	6,793,000
1933.....	3,610,000	67,868,000	1,115,000	3,122,000	14,610,000	4,967,000
1934.....	3,980,000	69,613,000	1,055,000	4,395,000	15,423,000	4,627,000
1935.....	3,232,000	58,193,000	804,000	3,433,000	12,027,000	4,931,000
1936.....	3,491,000	119,715,000	1,068,000	7,511,000	12,431,000	8,702,000
1937.....	3,037,000	93,788,000	721,000	4,154,000	12,925,000	5,946,000
1938.....	2,780,000	90,485,000	859,000	5,015,000	11,077,000	7,311,000
1939.....	2,810,000	108,267,000	910,000	5,551,000	12,624,000	7,574,000
1940.....	2,904,000	119,645,000	1,045,000	6,682,000	13,740,000	6,595,000
1941.....	3,009,000	129,688,000	942,000	6,493,000	13,179,000	6,985,000
1942.....	3,285,000	176,709,000	1,154,000	10,299,000	15,338,000	11,197,000
1943.....	3,765,000	264,640,000	1,265,000	12,534,000	19,308,000	18,729,000
1944.....	3,957,000	258,392,000	1,228,000	11,199,000	19,938,000	20,536,000
1945.....	4,176,000	258,077,000	1,079,000	10,161,000	17,330,000	18,716,000
1946.....	4,026,000	288,872,000	990,000	10,690,000	16,970,000	19,176,000
1947.....	3,922,000	358,471,000	716,000	10,886,000	15,299,000	18,818,000
1948.....	3,797,000	455,640,000	779,000	14,007,000	14,349,000	16,214,000
1949.....	3,856,000	520,560,000	729,000	12,585,000	13,066,000	18,815,000
1950.....	3,843,000	476,532,000	558,000	10,349,000	13,552,000	16,262,000
1951.....	4,105,000	685,535,000	765,000	19,051,000	12,913,000	16,141,000
1952.....	4,575,000	841,800,000	871,000	22,229,000	12,652,000	15,815,000
1953.....	4,992,000	559,040,000	810,000	12,674,000	11,423,000	12,565,000
1954.....	4,752,000	427,680,000	788,000	10,496,000	11,810,000	15,353,000
1955.....	5,065,000	471,045,000	849,000	13,219,000	11,563,000	9,250,000
1956.....	4,759,000	390,238,000	695,000	9,391,000	11,167,000	11,725,000
1957.....	4,455,000	392,040,000	780,000	11,318,000	11,615,000	11,034,000
1958.....	4,533,000	580,224,000	759,000	13,759,000	10,896,000	12,530,000
1959.....	4,886,000	815,962,000	813,000	15,634,000	11,047,000	10,826,000
1960.....	5,072,000	664,432,000	836,000	12,653,000	10,425,000	6,985,000
1961.....	5,134,000	698,224,000	811,000	11,796,000	9,938,000	10,435,000
1962.....	5,434,000	787,930,000	723,000	9,537,000	9,224,000	7,471,000
1963.....	5,773,000	894,815,000	671,000	10,188,000	8,177,000	6,494,000
1964.....	6,048,000	792,288,000	634,000	8,791,000	7,952,000	6,759,000
1965.....	6,077,000	704,932,000	585,000	9,247,000	7,532,000	6,478,000
1966.....	6,259,000	863,742,000	577,000	11,104,000	6,719,000	6,450,000
1967.....	6,377,000	962,927,000	569,000	10,946,000	6,819,000	6,819,000
1968.....	6,394,000	952,706,000	451,000	8,665,000	6,259,000	4,569,000
1969.....	6,330,000	1,006,470,000	393,000	8,535,000	5,343,000	4,595,000
1970.....	6,330,000	1,171,050,000	377,000	9,318,000	4,979,000	5,228,000
1971.....	6,457,000	1,194,545,000	370,000	7,955,000	5,230,000	4,969,000
1972.....	6,780,000	1,457,700,000	366,000	8,601,000	4,812,000	4,379,000
1973.....	6,865,000	1,750,575,000	370,000	9,620,000	4,427,000	4,427,000
1974.....	7,410,000	2,185,950,000	290,000	9,425,000	4,630,000	7,408,000
1975.....	6,900,000	1,035,000,000	240,000	6,960,000	4,450,000	7,788,000
1976.....	6,550,000	1,244,500,000	210,000	7,245,000	4,250,000	7,225,000
1977.....	6,450,000	1,322,250,000	190,000	7,030,000	3,830,000	6,894,000
1978.....	6,500,000	1,560,000,000	237,000	11,613,000	4,090,000	6,953,000
1979.....	6,450,000	2,644,500,000	175,000	11,375,000	4,200,000	7,350,000
1980.....	6,400,000	3,168,000,000	210,000	14,595,000	3,930,000	7,074,000
1981.....	6,850,000	3,116,750,000	250,000	16,375,000	4,000,000	7,600,000
1982.....	7,250,000	2,936,250,000	225,000	12,263,000	4,150,000	8,093,000
1983.....	7,200,000	2,736,000,000	205,000	10,865,000	4,050,000	8,303,000
1984.....	6,900,000	2,760,000,000	195,000	9,750,000	3,850,000	7,315,000
1985.....	6,300,000	2,583,000,000	165,000	8,580,000	4,000,000	9,000,000
1986.....	6,000,000	2,370,000,000	160,000	9,600,000	3,970,000	8,933,000
1987.....	5,800,000	2,378,000,000	173,000	13,148,000	4,000,000	8,600,000
1988.....	5,700,000	2,907,000,000	180,000	14,940,000	4,450,000	10,680,000
1989.....	5,600,000	3,276,000,000	169,000	13,520,000	4,150,000	8,093,000

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Year	CATTLE		SHEEP		CHICKENS <sup>1</sup>	
	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value
1990.....	5,700,000	3,391,500,000	177,000	12,744,000	5,250,000	11,550,000
1991.....	5,900,000	4,041,500,000	165,000	11,055,000	6,200,000	16,740,000
1992.....	5,800,000	3,654,000,000	144,000	7,344,000	7,900,000	16,590,000
1993.....	5,900,000	3,953,000,000	136,000	8,568,000	9,250,000	17,575,000
1994.....	6,150,000	4,212,750,000	95,000	6,650,000	9,000,000	14,400,000
1995.....	6,000,000	3,721,000,000	105,000	7,875,000	10,600,000	20,140,000
1996.....	6,500,000	3,250,000,000	105,000	10,080,000	11,005,000	20,910,000
1997.....	6,650,000	3,724,000,000	95,000	8,835,000	11,493,000	24,135,000
1998.....	6,750,000	4,252,000,000	100,000	10,000,000	12,126,000	25,465,000
1999.....	6,700,000	3,819,000,000	105,000	10,290,000	13,219,000	27,760,000
2000.....	6,650,000	4,455,500,000	102,000	11,220,000	13,846,000	23,538,000
2001.....	6,600,000	4,686,000,000	114,000	13,680,000	13,895,000	25,011,000
2002.....	6,400,000	4,416,000,000	101,000	10,908,000	13,704,000	24,667,000
2003.....	6,200,000	4,464,000,000	97,000	11,834,000	13,747,000	24,745,000
2004 <sup>2</sup> .....	6,250,000	5,500,000,000	102,000	13,668,000	14,223,000	25,601,000
2005.....	6,350,000	5,778,500,000	97,000	14,162,000	13,813,000	29,007,000
2006.....	6,500,000	6,370,000,000	106,000	16,006,000	13,165,000	23,697,000
2007.....	6,650,000	5,918,500,000	95,000	12,920,000	12,261,000	26,974,000
2008.....	6,550,000	6,157,000,000	85,000	11,390,000	-	-

Year	HORSES <sup>3</sup>		MULES <sup>3,4</sup>		SWINE <sup>5</sup>	
	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value
1900.....	775,000	\$33,325,000	54,000	\$2,916,000	2,969,000	\$17,814,000
1910.....	1,010,000	109,080,000	82,000	9,758,000	2,960,000	32,560,000
1920.....	961,000	74,296,000	100,000	10,628,000	3,436,000	79,028,000
1930.....	757,000	46,177,000	99,000	7,821,000	5,010,000	78,156,000
1931.....	734,000	38,168,000	95,000	5,890,000	4,820,000	64,588,000
1932.....	712,000	31,328,000	91,000	5,096,000	5,334,000	32,004,000
1933.....	681,000	31,326,000	88,000	4,928,000	4,534,000	19,496,000
1934.....	666,000	38,396,000	83,000	6,118,000	5,010,000	21,441,000
1935.....	651,000	41,941,000	75,000	6,063,000	2,034,000	12,391,000
1936.....	618,000	52,956,000	68,000	7,140,000	2,238,000	33,838,000
1937.....	569,000	47,335,000	64,000	6,830,000	1,567,000	22,164,000
1938.....	523,000	35,024,000	55,000	4,813,000	1,507,000	18,944,000
1939.....	491,000	30,302,000	53,000	4,306,000	1,869,000	25,360,000
1940.....	532,000	30,983,000	-	-	2,385,000	20,750,000
1941.....	515,000	24,937,000	-	-	1,813,000	17,513,000
1942.....	503,000	24,857,000	-	-	2,375,000	45,745,000
1943.....	497,000	32,285,000	-	-	3,491,000	97,073,000
1944.....	477,000	28,848,000	-	-	4,329,000	94,805,000
1945.....	445,000	21,927,000	-	-	2,597,000	69,859,000
1946.....	409,000	15,064,000	-	-	3,168,000	90,605,000
1947.....	350,000	13,220,000	-	-	2,503,000	106,878,000
1948.....	307,000	11,232,000	-	-	2,403,000	132,405,000
1949.....	260,000	9,755,000	-	-	2,403,000	109,817,000
1950.....	229,000	7,653,000	-	-	2,499,000	79,968,000
1951.....	201,000	6,231,000	-	-	2,999,000	116,961,000
1952.....	162,000	5,670,000	-	-	3,239,000	99,437,000
1953.....	133,000	5,187,000	-	-	2,397,000	71,910,000
1954.....	115,000	4,600,000	-	-	2,061,000	94,600,000
1955.....	101,000	4,646,000	-	-	2,308,000	83,319,000
1956.....	85,000	4,080,000	-	-	2,423,000	42,402,000
1957.....	77,000	4,928,000	-	-	1,841,000	52,837,000
1958.....	73,000	6,132,000	-	-	2,080,000	71,968,000
1959.....	70,000	7,420,000	-	-	2,579,000	91,554,000
1960.....	70,000	7,420,000	-	-	2,502,000	48,038,000
1961.....	-	-	-	-	2,527,000	74,799,000
1962.....	-	-	-	-	2,704,000	78,146,000
1963.....	-	-	-	-	2,758,000	79,430,000
1964.....	-	-	-	-	2,868,000	69,979,000
1965.....	-	-	-	-	2,696,000	68,478,000
1966.....	-	-	-	-	2,561,000	123,696,000
1967.....	-	-	-	-	2,766,000	97,640,000



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Year	HORSES <sup>3</sup>		MULES <sup>3,4</sup>		SWINE <sup>5</sup>	
	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value
1968	-	-	-	-	3,043,000	\$87,334,000
1969	51,488	-	685	-	3,226,000	98,070,000
1970	-	-	-	-	3,000,000	120,600,000
1971	-	-	-	-	3,691,000	86,739,000
1972	-	-	-	-	3,322,000	97,999,000
1973	-	-	-	-	3,300,000	143,550,000
1974	36,733	\$7,235,000	-	-	3,455,000	214,210,000
1975	-	-	-	-	3,050,000	134,200,000
1976	-	-	-	-	2,700,000	230,850,000
1977	-	-	-	-	3,100,000	147,250,000
1978	46,614	6,992,000	610	-	3,150,000	211,050,000
1979	-	-	-	-	3,650,000	323,025,000
1980	-	-	-	-	4,150,000	251,075,000
1981	-	-	-	-	3,900,000	308,100,000
1982	51,623	20,649,000	319	-	4,100,000	305,450,000
1983	-	-	-	-	3,800,000	357,200,000
1984	-	-	-	-	4,000,000	256,000,000
1985	-	-	-	-	3,700,000	297,850,000
1986	-	-	-	-	3,900,000	288,600,000
1987	51,265	-	904	-	3,950,000	375,250,000
1988	-	-	-	-	4,050,000	315,900,000
1989	-	-	-	-	4,150,000	292,575,000
1990	-	-	-	-	4,200,000	348,600,000
1991	-	-	-	-	4,300,000	378,400,000
1992	25,757	-	834	-	4,500,000	310,500,000
1993	-	-	-	-	4,600,000	326,600,000
1994	-	-	-	-	4,300,000	322,500,000
1995	-	-	-	-	4,350,000	239,250,000
1996	-	-	-	-	4,050,000	287,550,000
1997	45,838	-	1,092	-	3,550,000	337,250,000
1998	-	-	-	-	3,500,000	315,000,000
1999	-	-	-	-	3,400,000	156,400,000
2000	-	-	-	-	3,000,000	219,000,000
2001	-	-	-	-	3,050,000	240,950,000
2002	35,757	-	834	-	2,900,000	243,600,000
2003	-	-	-	-	3,000,000	235,000,000
2004	-	-	-	-	2,900,000	205,900,000
2005	-	-	-	-	2,850,000	285,000,000
2006	-	-	-	-	3,000,000	288,000,000
2007	-	-	-	-	-	248,850,000
2008	-	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Starting in 1969, estimates are for the preceding December 1.

<sup>2</sup> Preliminary

<sup>3</sup> Annual estimates were discontinued in 1961. Agricultural Census Data reports have been published every five years since 1969.

<sup>4</sup> Mule estimates are included with horses from 1940 to 1960.

<sup>5</sup> Starting in 1968, swine estimates are for the preceding Dec. 1.

## Nebraska Commercial Cattle Slaughter, 2002-2007\*

### Number of Head

Month	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
January	651,100	641,200	524,900	555,900	555,900	581,700
February	561,500	539,200	487,800	507,200	507,200	529,600
March	575,100	579,200	576,100	595,900	558,000	532,800
April	640,600	649,700	576,500	541,900	548,600	515,800
May	683,600	720,000	618,400	634,600	653,300	625,100
June	695,600	736,200	630,700	662,000	679,900	657,100
July	725,800	727,700	581,800	594,200	613,400	624,700
August	735,500	686,100	595,600	663,200	664,800	677,800
September	635,300	688,900	587,800	593,600	567,800	557,800
October	724,800	634,800	586,000	569,900	596,400	635,000
November	640,400	495,000	542,800	549,600	600,800	586,200
December	592,600	562,500	594,200	567,500	522,600	547,800
Total	7,861,900	7,660,500	6,902,600	7,035,500	7,068,700	7,071,400

\* Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

## Nebraska Commercial Hog Slaughter, 2002-2007\*

### Number of Head

Month	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
January	621,900	618,200	596,200	578,700	613,000	623,500
February	526,900	538,100	514,300	561,300	555,900	552,600
March	551,100	561,700	579,700	629,500	611,200	639,000
April	574,200	568,400	580,700	604,600	549,300	589,200
May	567,300	521,700	504,800	557,800	595,800	605,100
June	516,400	533,700	560,500	607,500	561,400	560,000
July	570,600	542,300	547,000	539,800	542,000	566,400
August	572,600	549,800	596,100	611,000	612,000	635,400
September	592,200	590,600	616,900	622,300	624,500	610,900
October	639,200	665,800	634,100	625,300	699,800	724,300
November	601,900	569,100	569,900	609,100	649,900	671,000
December	610,400	614,100	626,000	639,000	601,400	650,700
Total	6,944,600	6,873,800	6,953,300	7,185,800	7,216,200	7,428,100

\* Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

## Nebraska Dairy Products, 1974-2005\*

Commodity	Unit	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Creamery Butter.....	1,000 lbs	20,988	19,273	17,623	15,974	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	20,742
Cottage Cheese, Creamed.....	1,000 lbs	9,753	10,408	10,496	11,203	11,074	9,912	6,077	5,757	4,901	4,443
Cottage Cheese, Curd.....	1,000 lbs	6,534	6,831	6,639	6,471	-	-	4,090	3,707	3,105	2,949
Total American Cheese.....	1,000 lbs	32,177	30,841	29,448	19,049	-	-	19,586	24,238	21,719	23,695
Cheddar Cheese.....	1,000 lbs	17,388	12,669	11,434	11,790	10,082	2,109	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>
Dry Milk, Nonfat <sup>1</sup> .....	1,000 lbs	16,849	14,826	14,028	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>
Ice Milk.....	1,000 gal	4,229	4,035	3,631	3,805	4,028	3,883	2,952	3,821	3,840	4,139
Ice Cream.....	1,000 gal	8,500	9,240	8,895	10,072	10,156	10,299	9,125	9,556	9,402	7,508
Commodity	Unit	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
Creamery Butter.....	1,000 lbs	29,104	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>
Cottage Cheese, Creamed.....	1,000 lbs	5,459	5,930	6,005	5,481	4,189	5,205	2,603	3,125	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>
Cottage Cheese, Curd.....	1,000 lbs	3,885	4,195	4,262	2,646	3,470	4,321	2,690	2,655	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>
Total American Cheese.....	1,000 lbs	20,585	20,235	18,527	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>
Cheddar Cheese.....	1,000 lbs	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>
Dry Milk, Nonfat <sup>1</sup> .....	1,000 lbs	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>
Ice Milk.....	1,000 gal	4,090	3,558	3,204	3,685	3,163	2,225	1,988	1,703	1,701	- <sup>2</sup>
Ice Cream.....	1,000 gal	7,502	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>
Commodity	Unit	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Cottage Cheese, Creamed.....	1,000 lbs	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>
Cottage Cheese, Curd.....	1,000 lbs	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>
Total American Cheese.....	1,000 lbs	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>
Ice Milk.....	1,000 gal	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>
Commodity	Unit	2004	2005								
Cottage Cheese, Creamed.....	1,000 lbs	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>								
Cottage Cheese, Curd.....	1,000 lbs	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>								
Total American Cheese.....	1,000 lbs	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>								
Ice Milk.....	1,000 gal	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>								

\* Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

<sup>1</sup> For human food.<sup>2</sup> Totals not shown when less than three plants.

## Nebraska Assessed Farm Land and Value\*

### 1911-2007\*\*

Year	Total Acres Assessed	Assessed Value <sup>1</sup>		Year	Total Acres Assessed	Assessed Value <sup>1</sup>	
		Total	Av. Per Acre			Total	Av. Per Acre
1911.....	36,445,453	\$953,952,145	\$26.17	1960	-	1,228,721,457	-
1912.....	38,094,777	1,143,705,685	30.02	1961	-	1,272,133,894	-
1913.....	40,020,007	1,149,658,970	28.73	1962	-	1,293,221,683	-
1914.....	41,739,991	1,168,479,990	27.99	1963	-	1,311,309,620	-
1915.....	42,583,294	1,181,680,550	27.75	1964	-	1,323,914,363	-
1916.....	44,186,146	1,332,301,595	30.15	1965	-	1,470,722,492	-
1917.....	45,128,866	1,349,630,240	29.91	1966	-	1,680,167,588	-
1918.....	45,140,226	1,356,420,765	30.05	1967	-	3,669,246,614	-
1919.....	45,703,561	1,379,883,290	30.19	1968.....	44,063,435	3,881,568,864	88.00
1920	-	2,231,644,795	-	1969.....	43,694,572	5,345,141,823	122.00
1921.....	46,389,534	1,831,048,877	39.47	1970.....	46,279,247	5,427,710,974	117.00
1922.....	46,421,647	1,753,312,309	37.77	1971.....	45,120,776	5,390,417,415	119.00
1923.....	46,487,757	1,797,276,553	38.45	1972.....	45,734,398	5,453,562,984	119.00
1924.....	46,452,035	1,773,564,474	38.18	1973.....	43,910,816	5,539,325,951	126.00
1925.....	46,466,452	1,774,883,955	38.20	1974.....	45,384,354	5,614,403,127	124.00
1926.....	46,611,649	1,775,231,543	38.09	1975.....	46,181,535	5,614,731,876	122.00
1927.....	46,611,594	1,778,440,372	38.15	1976.....	44,681,250	5,544,959,785	124.00
1928.....	46,990,280	1,780,032,546	38.87	1977.....	44,301,898	5,746,969,817	130.00
1929.....	46,622,760	1,782,761,375	38.23	1978.....	43,580,731	6,513,965,625	149.00
1930.....	46,802,438	1,736,632,786	37.10	1979.....	45,235,603	10,575,130,059	234.00
1931.....	46,700,008	1,736,537,692	37.18	1980.....	45,411,926	12,302,690,613	271.00
1932.....	46,811,348	1,435,384,208	30.66	1981.....	45,318,422	12,420,321,626	274.00
1933.....	46,663,197	1,148,126,823	24.53	1982.....	45,332,996	12,476,187,818	275.00
1934.....	46,791,712	1,140,556,070	24.43	1983.....	45,432,091	12,563,327,936	277.00
1935.....	46,758,936	1,140,719,997	24.40	1984.....	45,349,478	12,605,580,123	278.00
1936.....	46,689,217	1,136,629,834	24.34	1985.....	45,300,858	12,653,851,842	279.00
1937.....	46,559,004	1,136,408,362	24.41	1986.....	44,997,447	10,801,719,469	240.00
1938.....	46,538,928	1,132,457,641	24.33	1987.....	44,982,531	10,048,549,082	223.00
1939.....	46,513,633	1,129,400,943	24.28	1988.....	44,977,148	10,044,095,177	223.00
1940.....	46,412,020	1,032,542,666	22.25	1989.....	44,973,179	13,509,990,165	300.00
1941.....	46,443,145	1,032,947,415	22.24	1990.....	44,968,234	14,932,726,422	332.00
1942.....	46,318,850	1,015,787,214	21.93	1991.....	44,955,365	14,941,628,961	332.00
1943.....	44,792,892	1,014,720,112	22.65	1992.....	44,952,269	15,067,165,467	335.00
1944.....	46,229,000	1,011,977,480	21.88	1993.....	44,954,824	15,632,689,146	348.00
1945.....	46,007,166	1,012,107,904	22.00	1994.....	44,938,474	15,755,958,953	351.00
1946.....	46,211,342	1,019,839,596	22.07	1995.....	44,911,156	15,927,873,795	355.00
1947.....	47,362,375	1,020,672,019	21.55	1996.....	44,904,241	16,313,358,103	363.00
1948.....	46,304,492	1,039,775,246	22.45	1997.....	44,845,860	16,950,349,716	377.00
1949.....	46,197,015	1,044,759,818	22.61	1998.....	44,861,318	18,148,208,170	405.00
1950.....	46,180,741	1,050,704,960	22.75	1999.....	44,887,776	19,423,637,757	433.00
1951.....	46,215,244	1,051,439,473	22.75	2000.....	44,830,771	20,364,989,503	454.00
1952.....	46,109,591	1,075,753,423	23.33	2001.....	46,231,558	21,206,151,632	459.00
1953.....	46,192,963	1,289,292,253	27.91	2002.....	46,136,711	21,904,383,603	475.00
1954.....	46,130,684	1,195,564,100	25.92	2003.....	46,234,805	22,878,527,654	495.00
1955.....	46,242,575	1,201,915,450	25.99	2004.....	46,191,209	23,893,955,082	517.00
1956.....	46,058,603	1,197,076,098	26.00	2005.....	46,184,758	25,247,883,070	547.00
1957.....	46,058,603	1,194,160,550	25.93	2006.....	46,146,038	27,405,855,640	594.00
1958.....	46,058,603	1,429,928,290	31.05	2007.....	46,091,863	28,247,701,115	613.00
1959	-	1,219,362,899	-				

\* Assessed farm land only (leased school land not included.) Values equalized by the State Board of Equalization and Assessment from 1920 to 1996; values equalized by the Tax Equalization and Review Commission since 1997. Between 1920 and 1928, there was some slight difference between the assessed and equalized value. Since 1929, the equalized value is used only as the assessed value.

\*\* Source: Nebraska Department of Revenue Property Assessment Division.

<sup>1</sup> Up to 1920, the assessed value is 20 percent of actual value. From 1921 to 1952, the assessed value is 100 percent of actual value. From 1953 to 1955, the assessed value is 50 percent of actual value. From 1956 to 1957, the assessed value is 50 percent of base value. From 1958 to 1980, the assessed value is 35 percent of actual value. From 1981 to 1991, agricultural land is assessed at 100 percent of actual value. From 1992 to 2006, agricultural land is assessed at 80 percent of actual value. Beginning in 2007, agricultural and horticultural land is assessed at 75 percent of actual value.

## Gross Cash Receipts from Farm Marketings, 1993-2006\*

### Crops

Month	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
January.....	471,114	409,123	428,838	512,007	633,307	611,655	437,823
February.....	156,019	173,271	213,317	362,027	379,330	279,701	158,642
March.....	205,571	177,862	257,768	291,033	381,143	283,956	239,204
April.....	162,963	100,930	158,592	243,276	284,192	198,752	132,600
May.....	123,967	127,253	169,191	191,860	223,192	150,549	119,472
June.....	131,747	125,316	186,859	110,245	209,438	197,417	170,830
July.....	216,786	197,042	272,485	233,625	305,890	250,718	173,016
August.....	196,258	148,658	281,776	170,581	246,539	219,680	213,361
September.....	184,267	238,703	247,039	181,311	227,757	228,529	196,422
October.....	338,054	465,221	557,775	539,584	541,982	591,937	475,691
November.....	439,892	553,436	662,504	569,215	442,888	454,335	277,413
December.....	391,936	393,864	401,314	518,684	422,923	425,662	370,242
Total.....	3,018,574	3,110,679	3,837,458	3,923,448	4,298,581	3,892,891	2,964,716

Month	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
January.....	503,687	296,120	412,078	421,978	539,322	412,159	431,626
February.....	193,247	199,793	200,881	246,589	260,120	399,974	280,251
March.....	248,501	155,214	244,756	261,178	321,164	303,807	255,782
April.....	126,247	125,455	193,052	231,401	209,235	180,859	232,281
May.....	132,805	168,982	194,645	187,855	126,309	192,486	216,050
June.....	127,164	222,535	171,177	128,883	154,347	227,641	202,651
July.....	162,113	327,896	303,769	247,504	207,518	244,663	308,637
August.....	165,257	71,950	249,190	181,416	163,394	201,279	276,196
September.....	238,479	194,193	285,315	304,086	285,938	255,473	288,311
October.....	477,792	568,758	534,296	614,900	523,879	481,986	861,796
November.....	316,655	482,237	440,392	507,597	624,079	579,783	539,423
December.....	348,385	319,472	352,190	420,519	482,894	444,764	465,952
Total.....	3,040,332	3,132,605	3,581,741	3,753,906	3,898,199	3,924,874	4,358,956

### Livestock and Livestock Products

Month	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
January.....	387,155	559,022	442,809	464,501	414,337	399,229	434,216
February.....	529,850	465,636	360,237	509,663	399,985	389,687	419,719
March.....	336,459	440,777	367,866	452,612	482,581	481,528	501,124
April.....	394,085	337,077	433,226	483,522	401,464	384,127	408,760
May.....	548,213	480,478	476,927	496,559	426,784	406,976	496,951
June.....	515,108	411,278	412,291	438,780	519,124	495,369	428,429
July.....	481,932	398,352	472,419	412,119	437,932	414,181	430,761
August.....	643,967	513,529	407,557	420,623	512,705	494,233	509,047
September.....	499,048	415,513	414,284	370,597	521,915	398,748	432,683
October.....	643,013	518,843	485,898	423,350	417,824	419,652	463,758
November.....	487,985	475,994	393,022	431,721	507,188	471,334	485,404
December.....	386,154	382,440	479,532	414,638	465,352	370,136	398,766
Total.....	5,852,969	5,398,939	5,146,068	5,318,685	5,507,191	5,125,200	5,409,618

Month	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
January.....	527,054	523,598	462,989	541,652	530,838	691,104	593,250
February.....	462,778	432,793	438,398	523,960	545,842	557,541	589,039
March.....	454,152	435,878	438,197	607,696	653,198	567,353	611,967
April.....	453,617	516,268	531,457	523,026	527,263	536,915	579,826
May.....	560,699	480,312	427,452	575,416	751,341	749,261	676,334
June.....	487,838	501,156	429,434	724,890	585,906	616,957	724,855
July.....	558,272	570,272	522,918	560,802	567,130	610,109	667,752
August.....	463,631	474,259	467,394	573,934	693,421	753,334	708,784
September.....	482,939	510,951	571,983	703,283	595,579	605,892	631,528
October.....	592,796	611,733	477,849	499,743	618,992	723,392	658,040
November.....	435,454	477,416	501,495	471,834	688,032	565,055	658,738
December.....	436,800	563,397	570,767	561,131	579,848	568,373	583,271
Total.....	5,916,030	6,098,033	5,840,333	6,867,367	7,337,390	7,545,286	7,683,384

\* Source: USDA, ERS National Agricultural Statistics Service. All figures are in thousands of dollars.

## Gross Cash Receipts from Sales, Government Payments and Value of Products Consumed on Nebraska Farms Where Produced, 1926-2006\*

Gross Cash Income From Farm Marketings						Value of Products Consumed on Farms Where Produced	Cash Income, Government Payments and Value of Products Consumed on Farms Where Produced
Year	Crops	Livestock & Livestock Products	Crop & Livestock Total	Government Payments <sup>1</sup>	Cash Income & Government Payments		
1926.....	96.6	337.6	434.2	-	434.2	37.9	472.1
1927.....	126.3	292.1	418.4	-	418.4	36.5	454.9
1928.....	141.8	342.8	484.6	-	484.6	36.2	520.8
1929.....	126.3	362.8	489.1	-	489.1	38.0	527.1
1930.....	99.3	309.1	408.4	-	408.4	32.3	440.7
1931.....	55.8	223.3	279.1	-	279.1	24.1	303.2
1932.....	28.5	138.2	166.7	-	166.7	18.5	185.2
1933.....	52.4	141.0	193.4	1.0	194.4	18.5	212.9
1934.....	45.4	181.8	227.2	23.5	250.7	17.2	267.9
1935.....	42.0	167.4	209.4	33.1	242.1	25.8	268.3
1936.....	57.4	233.6	281.0	17.3	298.3	26.9	325.2
1937.....	63.2	187.6	250.8	17.5	268.3	25.5	293.8
1938.....	46.7	153.8	200.5	15.4	215.9	21.2	237.1
1939.....	56.6	164.9	221.5	28.1	249.6	19.1	268.7
1940.....	51.0	173.3	224.3	46.3	270.6	18.9	289.5
1941.....	77.8	212.2	290.0	15.9	305.9	23.1	329.0
1942.....	131.5	337.4	468.9	36.4	505.3	29.2	534.5
1943.....	179.0	474.6	653.6	37.1	690.7	33.6	724.3
1944.....	185.5	449.0	634.5	21.6	656.1	30.8	686.9
1945.....	280.7	453.9	734.6	18.7	753.3	37.1	790.4
1946.....	277.9	563.2	841.1	23.6	864.7	42.3	907.0
1947.....	401.6	671.0	1,072.6	13.5	1,086.1	49.8	1,135.9
1948.....	354.9	675.3	1,030.2	8.5	1,038.7	50.4	1,089.1
1949.....	336.3	618.7	955.0	6.8	961.8	39.3	1,001.1
1950.....	333.1	676.5	1,009.6	8.8	1,018.4	36.7	1,055.1
1951.....	335.8	853.1	1,188.9	9.1	1,198.0	41.1	1,239.1
1952.....	381.0	792.6	1,173.6	10.0	1,183.6	38.4	1,222.0
1953.....	403.9	716.3	1,120.3	7.9	1,128.2	35.7	1,163.9
1954.....	347.3	713.5	1,060.8	8.6	1,069.4	31.0	1,100.4
1955.....	297.7	720.0	1,017.7	7.7	1,025.4	27.4	1,052.8
1956.....	265.2	649.5	914.7	42.7	957.4	25.9	983.3
1957.....	255.9	646.4	902.3	54.8	957.1	25.0	982.1
1958.....	464.9	752.3	1,217.2	36.9	1,254.1	27.6	1,281.7
1959.....	409.7	823.3	1,233.0	19.9	1,252.9	25.1	1,278.0
1960.....	421.3	766.6	1,187.9	22.1	1,210.0	23.1	1,233.1
1961.....	416.4	797.0	1,213.4	88.6	1,302.0	22.7	1,324.7
1962.....	409.9	843.3	1,253.2	101.4	1,354.6	21.2	1,375.8
1963.....	473.0	842.7	1,315.6	106.9	1,422.5	19.6	1,442.1
1964.....	403.6	869.8	1,273.5	164.9	1,438.4	18.3	1,456.7
1965.....	378.7	964.5	1,343.2	184.7	1,527.9	19.2	1,547.1
1966.....	521.3	1,160.6	1,681.8	175.4	1,857.2	19.8	1,877.0
1967.....	571.7	1,172.0	1,743.7	134.5	1,878.2	14.6	1,892.8
1968.....	461.3	1,270.4	1,731.7	185.3	1,917.0	15.2	1,932.2
1969.....	547.1	1,413.9	1,961.0	200.6	2,161.6	16.1	2,177.7

\* Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service. All figures are in millions of dollars.

# Gross Cash Receipts from Sales, Government Payments and Value of Products Consumed on Nebraska Farms Where Produced, 1926-2006 (Cont'd.)

Year	Gross Cash Income From Farm Marketings			Government Payments <sup>1</sup>	Cash Income & Government Payments	Value of Products Consumed on Farms Where Produced	Cash Income, Government Payments and Value of Products Consumed on Farms Where Produced
	Crops	Livestock & Livestock Products	Crop & Livestock Total				
1970.....	674.2	1,450.1	2,124.4	203.0	2,327.4	15.0	2,342.4
1971.....	694.9	1,590.9	2,285.8	171.0	2,456.8	11.9	2,468.7
1972.....	840.3	1,981.1	2,821.4	233.3	3,054.7	14.5	3,069.2
1973.....	1,560.2	2,383.1	3,943.3	151.8	4,095.1	21.2	4,116.3
1974.....	1,869.6	2,237.8	4,107.4	21.0	4,128.4	20.8	4,149.2
1975.....	1,721.6	2,138.6	3,860.1	71.7	3,931.8	18.8	3,950.6
1976.....	1,666.2	2,174.8	3,841.0	36.6	3,877.6	19.1	3,896.7
1977.....	1,727.2	2,247.8	3,975.0	92.9	4,067.9	18.5	4,086.4
1978.....	1,595.5	3,084.1	4,679.6	268.6	4,948.2	26.5	4,974.7
1979.....	2,034.3	4,266.6	6,301.0	132.7	6,433.7	21.8	6,455.5
1980.....	2,814.1	4,016.0	6,830.1	82.9	6,913.0	27.6	6,940.6
1981.....	2,826.6	3,795.9	6,622.5	101.0	6,723.5	30.2	6,753.7
1982.....	2,687.7	4,336.5	7,024.2	277.5	7,301.7	29.5	7,331.2
1983.....	2,233.6	4,217.7	6,451.3	786.8	7,238.1	28.9	7,267.0
1984.....	2,412.7	4,424.2	6,836.9	533.0	7,369.9	25.5	7,395.4
1985.....	3,243.1	4,145.5	7,388.6	518.4	7,907.0	21.6	7,928.6
1986.....	2,538.7	4,222.4	6,761.1	858.4	7,619.5	19.9	7,639.4
1987.....	2,198.5	4,940.6	7,139.1	1,274.8	8,413.9	18.3	8,432.2
1988.....	2,410.7	5,390.3	7,801.0	1,091.5	8,892.5	17.4	8,909.9
1989.....	3,078.7	5,646.0	8,724.7	542.3	9,267.0	15.2	9,282.2
1990.....	2,641.6	6,076.9	8,718.5	624.6	9,343.2	14.6	9,357.8
1991.....	3,065.3	5,934.0	8,999.4	490.7	9,490.0	14.0	9,504.0
1992.....	3,009.9	5,675.7	8,685.6	478.7	9,164.3	13.4	9,177.7
1993.....	3,018.6	5,853.0	8,871.5	806.3	9,677.8	12.8	9,690.6
1994.....	3,110.7	5,398.9	8,509.6	348.2	8,857.9	12.2	8,870.0
1995.....	3,837.5	5,146.1	8,983.5	507.3	9,490.8	11.5	9,502.4
1996.....	3,923.4	5,318.7	9,242.1	388.7	9,630.9	10.9	9,641.8
1997.....	4,298.6	5,507.2	9,805.8	454.5	10,260.3	10.3	10,270.6
1998.....	3,892.9	5,125.2	9,018.1	814.7	9,832.8	9.7	9,842.5
1999.....	2,964.7	5,409.6	8,374.3	1,411.9	9,786.2	9.1	9,795.3
2000.....	3,040.3	5,916.0	8,956.4	1,407.0	10,363.3	8.5	10,371.8
2001.....	3,132.6	6,098.0	9,230.6	1,297.6	10,528.3	8.3	10,536.6
2002.....	3,581.7	5,840.3	9,422.1	485.1	9,907.2	9.7	9,916.9
2003.....	4,061.1	6,867.4	10,928.5	725.8	11,347.1	3.3	11,350.4
2004.....	3,898.2	7,337.4	11,235.6	345.6	11,581.2	9.9	11,591.1
2005.....	3,924.9	7,545.3	11,470.2	914.2	12,384.4	8.5	12,392.9
2006.....	4,358.9	7,683.4	12,042.3	812.1	12,854.4	12.4	12,866.8

<sup>1</sup> Includes rental and benefit agricultural conservation, price adjustment and parity and sugar act programs.

## Nebraska Irrigation Statistics, 1998-2008\*

County and District	Wells Registered to Jan. 1 2008 <sup>1</sup>	Total Acres Irrigated <sup>2,3</sup>			
		1998	1999	2000	2001
Banner.....	414	24,000	26,000	25,000	26,000
Box Butte.....	1,306	150,000	149,000	149,000	149,000
Cheyenne.....	588	55,000	54,000	56,000	56,000
Dawes.....	88	18,000	17,000	17,000	17,000
Deuel.....	310	22,000	21,000	20,000	20,000
Garden.....	393	40,000	38,000	37,000	38,000
Kimball.....	401	34,000	35,000	37,000	38,000
Morrill.....	975	129,000	127,000	125,000	123,000
Scotts Bluff.....	829	200,000	195,000	190,000	185,000
Sheridan.....	681	62,000	62,000	62,000	61,000
Sioux.....	358	41,000	41,000	42,000	41,000
NORTHWEST.....	6,343	775,000	765,000	760,000	755,000
Arthur.....	95	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,00
Blaine.....	115	9,500	9,500	9,500	9,500
Boyd.....	70	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500
Brown.....	466	58,000	57,000	57,000	56,000
Cherry.....	499	38,000	37,000	37,000	37,000
Garfield.....	228	18,000	17,000	18,000	18,000
Grant.....	25	1,500	2,000	2,000	2,000
Holt.....	3,005	254,000	251,000	252,000	252,000
Hooker.....	31	3,000	3,500	3,500	3,500
Keya Paha.....	251	14,500	15,500	16,000	16,000
Logan.....	220	19,500	18,500	19,500	19,500
Loup.....	127	12,000	12,000	13,000	13,000
McPherson.....	114	7,500	7,500	8,000	9,000
Rock.....	688	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000
Thomas.....	39	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Wheeler.....	595	53,000	53,000	53,000	53,000
NORTH.....	6,568	555,000	550,000	555,000	555,000
Antelope.....	2,214	208,000	213,000	219,000	222,000
Boone.....	1,597	156,000	157,000	160,000	162,000
Burt.....	505	54,000	54,000	56,000	57,000
Cedar.....	867	76,000	76,000	78,000	80,000
Cuming.....	490	41,000	42,000	43,000	44,000
Dakota.....	134	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000
Dixon.....	211	20,000	19,000	20,000	20,000
Knox.....	486	50,000	49,000	50,000	52,000
Madison.....	1,008	100,000	103,000	103,000	103,000
Pierce.....	1,257	120,000	119,000	119,000	119,000
Stanton.....	402	28,000	29,000	30,000	30,000
Thurston.....	116	7,000	10,000	13,000	14,000
Wayne.....	301	27,000	31,000	36,000	39,000
NORTHEAST.....	9,588	905,000	920,000	945,000	960,000
Buffalo.....	3,563	242,000	240,000	240,000	237,000
Custer.....	2,206	224,000	223,000	222,000	221,000
Dawson.....	3,689	264,000	268,000	268,000	265,000
Greeley.....	798	71,000	74,000	76,000	78,000
Hall.....	3,914	225,000	228,000	227,000	224,000
Howard.....	1,082	122,000	119,000	117,000	116,000
Sherman.....	666	74,000	74,000	75,000	75,000
Valley.....	570	88,000	89,000	90,000	89,000
CENTRAL.....	16,488	1,310,000	1,315,000	1,315,000	1,305,000

\* Sources: Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.



## Nebraska Irrigation Statistics, 1998-2008 (Cont'd.)

County and District	Wells Registered to Jan. 1 2008 <sup>1</sup>	Total Acres Irrigated <sup>2,3</sup>			
		1998	1999	2000	2001
Butler.....	1,340	116,000	115,000	115,000	115,000
Cass.....	52	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Colfax.....	1,048	67,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
Dodge.....	1,719	106,000	103,000	105,000	107,000
Douglas.....	359	16,000	15,000	13,000	12,000
Hamilton.....	2,998	273,000	273,000	271,000	269,000
Lancaster.....	343	14,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Merrick.....	4,971	196,000	194,000	192,000	189,000
Nance.....	1,237	65,000	65,000	66,000	66,000
Platte.....	2,064	179,000	182,000	187,000	191,000
Polk.....	1,858	152,000	153,000	153,000	153,000
Sarpy.....	150	8,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
Saunders.....	1,023	93,000	94,000	98,000	103,000
Seward.....	1,382	128,000	125,000	125,000	125,000
Washington.....	125	19,000	17,000	17,000	17,000
York.....	2,983	260,000	259,000	258,000	258,000
EAST.....	23,652	1,695,000	1,685,000	1,690,000	1,695,000
Chase.....	1,438	191,000	192,000	191,000	191,000
Dundy.....	1,051	96,000	96,000	97,000	100,000
Frontier.....	723	70,000	70,000	70,000	67,000
Hayes.....	520	43,000	44,000	46,000	50,000
Hitchcock.....	577	35,000	35,000	36,000	37,000
Keith.....	1,197	93,000	94,000	94,000	94,000
Lincoln.....	2,314	230,000	229,000	228,000	227,000
Perkins.....	943	147,000	146,000	149,000	154,000
Red Willow.....	1,031	65,000	64,000	64,000	65,000
SOUTHWEST.....	9,794	970,000	970,000	975,000	985,000
Adams.....	2,306	203,000	204,000	207,000	211,000
Franklin.....	1,106	95,000	97,000	99,000	99,000
Furnas.....	921	60,000	62,000	64,000	64,000
Gosper.....	756	83,000	82,000	85,000	85,000
Harlan.....	1,124	84,000	85,000	85,000	85,000
Kearney.....	2,113	209,000	211,000	211,000	211,000
Phelps.....	2,162	253,000	254,000	254,000	253,000
Webster.....	719	53,000	55,000	55,000	57,000
SOUTH.....	11,207	1,040,000	1,050,000	1,060,000	1,065,000
Clay.....	2,213	202,000	200,000	200,000	198,000
Fillmore.....	2,081	211,000	211,000	209,000	209,000
Gage.....	616	54,000	54,000	56,000	59,000
Jefferson.....	751	68,000	65,000	67,000	69,000
Johnson.....	186	12,000	13,000	13,000	13,000
Nemaha.....	127	4,000	3,000	4,000	4,000
Nuckolls.....	819	64,000	65,000	66,000	66,000
Otoe.....	54	5,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Pawnee.....	3	6,000	5,500	4,500	4,500
Richardson.....	38	2,000	2,500	2,500	2,500
Saline.....	1,167	88,000	89,000	91,000	91,000
Thayer.....	1,512	134,000	133,000	133,000	135,000
SOUTHEAST.....	9,567	850,000	845,000	850,000	855,000
TOTAL.....	93,207	8,100,000	8,100,000	8,150,000	8,175,000

<sup>1</sup> Data from the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources.

<sup>2</sup> Represents total acres that have wells or ditch water available and could be irrigated if conditions warrant.

<sup>3</sup> Estimates were discontinued after 2001 and added to the USDA Census of Agriculture, which is conducted every five years.

Nebraska Irrigation, 1970-2007\*

1970-1978

	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
Total Acres Irrigated <sup>1</sup> .....	3,998,000	4,200,000	4,478,000	4,783,000	5,050,000	5,400,000	5,900,000	6,400,000	6,700,000
Leading Crops Irrigated:									
Alfalfa Hay <sup>1</sup> .....	255,000	250,000	260,000	275,000	290,000	300,000	315,000	330,000	380,000
Corn for Grain <sup>1</sup> .....	2,231,000	2,526,000	2,470,000	2,800,000	3,100,000	3,400,000	3,800,000	4,400,000	4,600,000
Corn for Silage <sup>1</sup> .....	190,000	216,000	230,000	235,000	228,000	212,000	245,000	250,000	255,000
Dry Edible Beans <sup>1</sup> .....	86,000	88,000	95,000	104,000	110,000	120,000	120,000	114,000	118,000
Oats..... <sup>2</sup>	23,500	15,000	12,400	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>
Sorghum Grain <sup>1</sup> .....	121,000	161,000	125,000	130,000	135,000	160,000	175,000	200,000	170,000
Sorghum Silage <sup>1</sup> .....	11,700	10,700	8,700	8,700	7,800	12,000	11,000	13,000	11,500
Soybeans <sup>1</sup> .....	64,000	30,000	43,000	102,000	95,000	90,000	70,000	100,000	135,000
Sugar Beets <sup>1</sup> .....	78,700	77,700	82,100	74,400	75,000	96,000	84,500	67,700	76,000
Winter Wheat <sup>1</sup> .....	10,300	7,600	8,400	7,400	38,000	67,500	79,000	92,000	50,000

1979-1987

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
Total Acres Irrigated <sup>1</sup> .....	6,950,000	7,200,000	7,500,000	7,600,000	7,700,000	7,800,000	7,900,000	7,900,000	7,900,000
Leading Crops Irrigated:									
Alfalfa Hay <sup>1</sup> .....	400,000	430,000	420,000	385,000	405,000	416,000	420,000	355,000	324,000
Corn for Grain <sup>1</sup> .....	4,850,000	4,950,000	4,950,000	4,500,000	3,250,000	4,700,000	5,050,000	4,800,000	4,300,000
Corn for Silage <sup>1</sup> .....	250,000	285,000	305,000	240,000	220,000	215,000	180,000	120,000	130,000
Dry Edible Beans <sup>1</sup> .....	135,000	150,000	230,000	212,000	131,000	170,000	151,000	205,000	197,000
Oats..... <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>
Sorghum Grain <sup>1</sup> .....	140,000	220,000	250,000	210,000	110,000	215,000	217,000	151,000	118,000
Sorghum Silage <sup>1</sup> .....	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>
Soybeans <sup>1</sup> .....	195,000	315,000	375,000	420,000	524,000	693,000	640,000	575,000	578,000
Sugar Beets <sup>1</sup> .....	72,400	85,000	78,400	45,400	65,300	67,500	55,200	59,000	60,200
Winter Wheat <sup>1</sup> .....	55,000	66,000	85,000	125,000	110,000	165,000	105,000	85,000	99,000

\* Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

<sup>1</sup>Acres harvested.

<sup>2</sup>Not available.

<sup>3</sup>Represents total acres that have wells or ditch water available and could be irrigated if necessary.

## Nebraska Irrigation, 1970-2007\* (Cont'd.)

## 1988-1997

	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
Total Acres Irrigated <sup>1</sup> .....	7,900,000	8,000,000	8,000,000	8,100,000	8,100,000	8,100,000	8,100,000	8,100,000	8,100,000	8,100,000
Leading Crops Irrigated:										
Alfalfa Hay <sup>1</sup> .....	355,000	380,000	418,000	410,000	370,000	340,000	415,000	415,000	360,000	335,000
Corn for Grain <sup>1</sup> .....	4,600,000	5,000,000	5,050,000	5,300,000	5,350,000	5,050,000	5,450,000	5,125,000	5,575,000	5,400,000
Corn for Silage <sup>1</sup> .....	130,000	150,000	175,000	160,000	160,000	170,000	140,000	115,000	100,000	115,000
Dry Edible Beans <sup>1</sup> .....	193,000	208,000	254,000	211,000	153,000	150,000	190,000	205,000	195,000	180,000
Sorghum Grain <sup>1</sup> .....	106,000	150,000	111,000	102,000	132,000	73,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	28,000
Soybeans <sup>1</sup> .....	622,000	754,000	685,000	727,000	700,000	740,000	818,000	956,000	895,000	1,050,000
Sugar Beets <sup>1</sup> .....	62,200	62,000	71,000	78,100	77,500	79,600	74,100	72,300	51,200	60,300
Winter Wheat <sup>1</sup> .....	80,000	77,000	83,000	71,000	63,000	73,000	73,000	93,000	83,000	120,000

## 1998-2007

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
Total Acres Irrigated <sup>1</sup> .....	8,100,000	8,100,000	8,150,000	8,175,000	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>
Leading Crops Irrigated:										
Alfalfa Hay <sup>1</sup> .....	350,000	360,000	380,000	440,000	465,000	500,000	450,000	430,000	440,000	410,000
Corn for Grain <sup>1</sup> .....	5,250,000	4,800,000	4,800,000	4,550,000	4,680,000	4,765,000	4,885,000	4,925,000	4,715,000	5,725,000
Corn for Silage <sup>1</sup> .....	100,000	120,000	140,000	155,000	145,000	115,000	120,000	100,000	135,000	90,000
Dry Edible Beans <sup>1</sup> .....	188,000	187,000	156,000	148,000	165,000	148,000	110,000	172,000	124,000	- <sup>2</sup>
Sorghum Grain <sup>1</sup> .....	23,000	20,000	20,000	27,000	20,000	50,000	35,000	25,000	25,000	23,000
Soybeans <sup>1</sup> .....	1,130,000	1,580,000	1,915,000	2,200,000	2,055,000	1,940,000	2,180,000	2,170,000	2,400,000	1,520,000
Sugar Beets <sup>1</sup> .....	47,400	66,200	54,800	41,400	42,000	42,400	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>
Winter Wheat <sup>1</sup> .....	118,000	96,000	120,000	140,000	124,000	185,000	195,000	155,000	215,000	290,000

\* Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service.

<sup>1</sup>Acres harvested.<sup>2</sup>Not available.<sup>3</sup>Represents total acres that have wells or ditch water available and could be irrigated if necessary.

## Nebraska Farm Size, 2002\*

County	Number of Farms	Acres of Farmland	Average Size of Farms in Acres	County	Number of Farms	Acres of Farmland	Average Size of Farms in Acres
Adams .....	61	344,309	614	Jefferson.....	631	363,575	576
Antelope .....	792	526,896	665	Johnson.....	571	205,371	360
Arthur .....	76	436,252	5,740	Kearney.....	412	331,283	804
Banner.....	226	411,153	1,819	Keith.....	363	627,842	1,730
Blaine.....	106	441,119	4,162	Keya Paha.....	185	463,280	2,504
Boone.....	692	430,712	622	Kimball.....	362	549,646	1,518
Box Butte.....	476	675,091	1,418	Knox.....	1,016	599,468	590
Boyd.....	314	308,008	981	Lancaster.....	1,607	448,600	279
Brown.....	311	686,466	2,207	Lincoln.....	959	1,529,011	1,594
Buffalo.....	989	601,256	608	Logan.....	119	359,069	3,017
Burt.....	621	310,113	499	Loup.....	120	337,542	2,813
Butler.....	840	374,634	446	Madison.....	128	528,642	4,130
Cass.....	679	320,187	472	McPherson.....	766	342,167	447
Cedar.....	949	459,952	485	Merrick.....	513	283,026	552
Chase.....	326	539,607	1,655	Morrill.....	443	872,351	1,969
Cherry.....	557	3,777,285	6,781	Nance.....	392	228,985	584
Cheyenne.....	616	803,181	1,304	Nemaha.....	483	255,366	529
Clay.....	503	373,994	744	Nuckolls.....	476	350,539	736
Colfax.....	589	244,361	415	Otoe.....	797	342,521	430
Cuming.....	904	365,994	405	Pawnee.....	531	256,818	484
Custer.....	1,149	1,501,959	1,307	Perkins.....	438	548,264	1,252
Dakota.....	296	151,599	512	Phelps.....	470	366,154	779
Dawes.....	406	786,277	1,937	Pierce.....	697	332,550	477
Dawson.....	718	622,805	867	Platte.....	1,000	434,529	435
Deuel.....	252	293,995	1,167	Polk.....	527	264,455	502
Dixon.....	660	276,722	419	Red Willow.....	380	429,109	1,129
Dodge.....	734	339,265	462	Richardson.....	732	320,783	438
Douglas.....	361	94,613	262	Rock.....	271	628,839	2,320
Dundy.....	262	566,881	2,164	Saline.....	728	344,736	474
Fillmore.....	499	363,915	729	Sarpy.....	355	105,173	296
Franklin.....	378	331,093	876	Saunders.....	1,157	458,329	396
Frontier.....	318	486,623	1,530	Scotts Bluff.....	780	427,400	548
Furnas.....	412	440,776	1,070	Seward.....	862	364,178	422
Gage.....	1,272	552,316	434	Sheridan.....	613	1,485,895	2,424
Garden.....	253	1,072,024	4,237	Sherman.....	448	316,260	706
Garfield.....	190	293,081	1,543	Sioux.....	318	1,103,122	3,469
Gosper.....	242	262,216	1,084	Stanton.....	655	243,223	371
Grant.....	73	489,926	6,711	Thayer.....	558	380,447	682
Greeley.....	361	293,114	812	Thomas.....	79	348,802	4,415
Hall.....	595	315,787	531	Thurston.....	438	214,181	489
Hamilton.....	603	348,178	577	Valley.....	419	314,661	751
Harlan.....	346	308,814	893	Washington.....	760	242,419	319
Hayes.....	260	408,290	1,570	Wayne.....	623	281,408	452
Hitchcock.....	299	433,525	1,450	Webster.....	449	318,325	709
Holt.....	1,166	1,481,135	1,270	Wheeler.....	194	338,136	1,743
Hooker.....	81	423,838	5,233	York.....	617	353,762	573
Howard.....	600	293,537	489	State Totals.....	49,355	45,903,116	930

\* Source: USDA 2002 Census of Agriculture, which is conducted every five years.

# Nebraska Farm Financial and Real Estate Statistics, 1990-2006\*

Year	Number of Farms	NET INCOME		EQUITY			ASSETS		
		Total <sup>1</sup>	Per Farm Dollars	Total <sup>1</sup>	Per Farm Dollars	Income- Equity	Total <sup>1</sup>	Per Farm Dollars	Income- Assets
1990 .....	57,000	2,510	44,027	27,190	477,015	9.2%	33,275	583,769	7.5%
1991 .....	56,000	2,274	40,611	26,404	471,492	8.6%	32,721	584,305	7.0%
1992 .....	56,000	2,511	44,830	26,227	468,342	9.4%	32,789	585,519	7.5%
1993 .....	56,000	2,009	35,866	27,457	490,308	7.3%	34,388	614,073	5.8%
1994 .....	56,000	2,243	40,051	27,779	496,051	7.8%	34,914	623,456	6.2%
1995 .....	56,000	1,662	29,671	28,655	511,695	5.7%	36,022	643,259	4.6%
1996 .....	56,000	3,467	61,902	30,082	537,178	11.3%	37,776	674,565	9.0%
1997 .....	55,000	2,023	36,783	31,362	570,223	6.4%	39,435	716,991	5.1%
1998 .....	55,000	1,816	33,011	31,175	566,811	5.7%	39,731	722,389	4.5%
1999 .....	54,000	1,707	31,609	32,408	600,149	5.2%	41,142	761,888	4.1%
2000 .....	52,000	1,446	27,804	34,796	669,156	3.9%	44,121	848,489	3.1%
2001 .....	50,000	1,906	38,124	34,891	697,825	5.2%	44,520	890,409	4.1%
2002 .....	49,400	862	17,452	35,551	719,663	2.3%	45,461	920,272	1.8%
2003 .....	48,500	2,729	56,274						
2004 .....	48,300	3,554	73,585						
2005 .....	48,000	2,847	59,317						
2006 .....	47,600	2,297	48,257						

Year	Number of Farms	DEBT			GOVT. PAYMENTS		REAL ESTATE
		Total <sup>1</sup>	Per Farm Dollars	Debt- Assets	Total <sup>1</sup>	Per Farm Dollars	Value/ Acre <sup>2</sup>
1990 .....	57,000	6,085	106,754	18.3%	625	10,959	524
1991 .....	56,000	6,318	112,813	19.3%	491	8,762	517
1992 .....	56,000	6,562	117,177	20.0%	479	8,549	517
1993 .....	56,000	6,931	123,765	20.2%	806	14,398	514
1994 .....	56,000	7,135	127,405	20.4%	348	6,219	550
1995 .....	56,000	7,368	131,564	20.5%	507	9,059	580
1996 .....	56,000	7,694	137,387	20.4%	389	6,942	610
1997 .....	55,000	8,072	146,768	20.5%	455	8,265	620
1998 .....	55,000	8,557	155,578	21.5%	815	14,813	645
1999 .....	54,000	8,734	161,739	21.2%	1,412	26,146	670
2000 .....	52,000	9,325	179,333	21.1%	1,407	27,072	695
2001 .....	50,000	9,629	192,584	21.6%	1,298	25,964	730
2002 .....	49,400	9,910	200,608	21.8%	539	10,917	755
2003 .....	48,500	<sup>-2</sup>	<sup>-2</sup>	<sup>-2</sup>	726	14,966	775
2004 .....	48,300	<sup>-2</sup>	<sup>-2</sup>	<sup>-2</sup>	729	15,092	825
2005 .....	48,300	<sup>-2</sup>	<sup>-2</sup>	<sup>-2</sup>	1,421	29,604	940
2006 .....	47,600	<sup>-2</sup>	<sup>-2</sup>	<sup>-2</sup>	812	17,060	1,090

\*Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, ERS

<sup>1</sup>Amount in hundreds of thousands of dollars

<sup>2</sup>Not available

<sup>3</sup>Includes farmstead and operator dwelling

State Athletic Commissioner

**Office Address:** 301 Centennial Mall South, First Floor, P.O. Box 94743, Lincoln, NE 68509-4743, phone (402) 471-2009, fax (402) 471-3396, e-mail address — [contact@athcomm.ne.gov](mailto:contact@athcomm.ne.gov), Web site — [www.athcomm.state.ne.us/](http://www.athcomm.state.ne.us/)

**State Athletic Commissioner:** Wally Jernigan

**Statutory Reference:** 81-8,128

The office of the state athletic commissioner is not considered to be a full-fledged code agency, but it is an independent entity subject to the governor’s direct control. The office of the state athletic commissioner is within the Lottery and Charitable Gaming Division of the Nebraska Department of Revenue.<sup>8</sup>

The state athletic commissioner, appointed by the governor for a two-year term, has sole control over professional wrestling, boxing, mixed martial arts, amateur boxing and amateur mixed martial arts, elimination bout tournaments, sparring matches and other boxing exhibitions within the state. Exceptions are events held by universities, colleges, high schools, military branches or recognized amateur associations, or on U.S. government reservations, for contestants younger than 17. The commissioner licenses clubs; makes rules and regulations governing bouts; controls and supervises ticket sales and the issuing of complimentary tickets; revokes licenses when necessary; and controls the number of wrestling, boxing or sparring matches or exhibitions held in Nebraska. The commissioner is assisted by nine inspectors and one administrative assistant in carrying out the duties of the office.

Athletic Advisory Committee

**Contact Person:** Alison Traynowicz, Administrative Assistant, Nebraska State Athletic Commissioner’s Office, 301 Centennial Mall South, First Floor, P.O. Box 94743, Lincoln, NE 68509-4743, phone (402) 471-2009, fax (402) 471-3396

**Statutory Reference:** 81-8,139.01

The state Athletic Advisory Committee reviews the rules and regulations drawn up by the state athletic commissioner; recommends adopted rules or regulations pertaining to the state athletic commissioner; and serves as an appeals board to determine cases for parties who contest state athletic commissioner decisions.

The governor appoints the five-member committee, selecting members based on experience, training and interest in boxing and wrestling. Members represent professional boxing, amateur boxing and professional wrestling. Other members include a medical doctor with ringside experience and an at-large member. All members serve at the pleasure of the governor. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for their expenses.

Member	Position
Martin Anderson, Omaha.....	Mixed Martial Arts
Dr. Brian Conroy, Omaha.....	Medical Doctor
Doug Emery, Lincoln.....	Amateur Boxing
Thomas W. Lovgren, Omaha.....	At Large Member
Steve Pelster, Omaha.....	Professional Boxing
Michael P. Pierce, Lincoln.....	Professional Wrestling

<sup>8</sup> For more information about the Lottery and Charitable Gaming Division, see Page 580.

## Department of Banking and Finance

**Office Address:** 1230 O St., Suite 400, P.O. Box 95006 Lincoln, NE 68509-5006, phone (402) 471-2171, Web site — [www.ndbf.org](http://www.ndbf.org)

**Director:** John Munn

**Statutory Reference:** 81-101

**Publications:** Rules, policy statements and statutes governing state-chartered banks, savings and loans, building and loan associations, trust companies, credit unions, licensed lenders, delayed deposit services companies, sale of foreign and domestic securities, loan brokers, mortgage bankers and rental purchase agreements.

The director of banking supervises the examination and compliance enforcements under banking and finance statutes. By law, the director maintains standards and efficiency in banking and financial institutions under the department's control. The department's examination duties include appraisal of institutions' assets and setting policy for entities under examination.

The Department of Banking and Finance:

- investigates and grants charter and license applications
- grants licenses to small loan, sales finance and delayed deposit services companies
- approves articles of association for credit unions
- investigates illegal stock transactions
- approves legally offered stock
- issues permits to sell stock
- issues permits and licenses to brokers, agents and investment advisers
- administers and enforces the Nebraska Installment Sales Act, the Nebraska Loan Broker Act, the Nebraska Seller-Assisted Marketing Plan Act, the Nebraska Commodity Code, the Nebraska Mortgage Bankers Act, the Nebraska Consumer Rental Purchase Agreement Act, the Delayed Deposit Services Act, the Nebraska Banking Act, the Nebraska Trust Company Act, the Nebraska Credit Union Act, the Nebraska Bank Holding Company Act, Nebraska Sales of Checks and Funds, and the Nebraska Transmission Act

Nebraska's first banks operated under the state's General Corporation Law. The General Banking Act of 1889 called for filing bank reports with the state auditor, who conducted bank examinations. The law provided for appointing a clerk for the state auditor and bank examiners.

In 1895, the Legislature created the State Banking Board, which consisted of the auditor, treasurer and attorney general and an appointed secretary. The governor was added to the board and the treasurer dropped in 1909. The board's duties were transferred to the Bureau of Banking in the Department of Trade and Commerce in 1919. In 1933, the department was made a separate agency. In 1976, the Legislature changed the department's name to the Department of Banking and Finance.

### *Bureau of Securities*

The first laws supervising the sale of stocks, bonds and securities were made in 1913. The Railway Commission had enforcement responsibility, which was transferred to the Department of Trade and Commerce in 1919, the Department of Insurance in 1937, and the Department of Banking in 1939.

The bureau's responsibilities include registration of securities qualified for sale in the state, registration of brokers and dealers and securities salespeople, and investigation of security violations and frauds.

Security violations are filed with the Department of Banking and Finance. The department investigates them and gives evidence to prosecutors.

The Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance publishes an annual report. The report is available on the department's Web site at [www.ndbf.org](http://www.ndbf.org).

## Department of Correctional Services

**Office Address:** Folsom and West Prospector Place, Building 1, P.O. Box 94661, Lincoln, NE 68509-4661, phone (402) 471-2654, fax (402) 479-5623, Web site — [www.corrections.state.ne.us](http://www.corrections.state.ne.us)

**Director:** Robert P. Houston

**Statutory References:** 81-101 and 83-171

The 1973 Legislature created the Department of Correctional Services. It had been a division within the Department of Public Institutions.

The governor appoints the department director. The department's operating funds come from state general funds, supplemented by federal funds and certain cash funds.

The mission of the department is to serve and protect the public by providing control, humane care and program opportunities for those individuals placed in its custody and supervision, thereby facilitating their return to society as responsible persons.

Prior to Jan. 1, 1997, the department had an Office of Juvenile Services, which had oversight over programs and facilities for juvenile offenders. The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services now oversees programs and functions of the Office of Juvenile Services.

Sections within the director's office are:

- **Legal Services.** This section gives the department legal advice on various issues, including legislation and inmate rules, and represents the department in administrative proceedings.

- **Health Services.** This section provides healthcare services via professionally staffed and licensed infirmaries and outpatient clinics. Contractual arrangements with local hospitals and specialized medical professionals supplement institutional services. This section also provides mental health, substance abuse and psychiatric treatment.

- **Planning/Research Accreditation.** This section researches; gathers information; makes plans and assists management; evaluates the correctional system and coordinates the department's accreditation process; coordinates department policy, public information; manages federal grants; coordinates the department's inmate drug testing and drug



intelligence programs; and conducts research and major requests for information.

- **Cornhusker State Industries/Federal Surplus Property.** This section manages the correctional industries program for producing goods and services for state government agencies. This section screens, transfers, administers, markets and places federal surplus property with eligible public and nonprofit organizations in the state.

- **Organizational Development.** This section coordinates the department's Continuous Quality Initiative.

- **Staff Training Academy.** This section provides a central training academy for employees.

- **Legislative Coordinator/PIO.** This section serves as a point of contact between the Department of Correctional Services and the Governor's Policy Research Office and the Legislature. The section also is tasked with coordinating all aspects of the legislative process within the agency and providing public information.

### *Administrative Services*

**Contact Person:** Robin Spindler, Deputy Director, Division of Administrative Services, Folsom and West Prospecter Place, Building 1, P.O. Box 94661, Lincoln, NE 68509-4661, phone (402) 471-2654, fax (402) 479-5623

**Statutory Reference:** 83-922

Sections within Administrative Services include:

- **Budget.** This section plans, organizes and monitors the department's fiscal allocations and fiscal reporting systems. Fiscal and accounting data are compiled to use in budget evaluation and adjustment, cost analysis and budget projections.

- **Engineering.** This section plans, supervises and engineers new or remodeled facilities and gives the department advice and assistance on preventative maintenance.

- **Fiscal Management.** This section coordinates the agency's accounting functions, including payments and investment of surplus funds. It is the clearing center for all transfer appropriations, expenditure documents, and grant award monitoring and reporting, and it also is responsible for inmate trust fund activities, including receipt and disbursement of individual inmate funds, payroll and savings accounts.

- **Human Resources and Development.** This section oversees and manages employee recruitment, retention, competitive compensation and benefits, employee training and development, quality improvement, personal mastery, organization effectiveness, leadership development and employee communication.

- **Information Systems.** This section provides department-wide help regarding data management, technical expertise and information retrieval.

- **Purchasing/Inventory/Food Service.** This section coordinates the department's purchasing and inventory operations. This section also manages the purchase and inventory control of food items, food equipment and commodities, including the provision of contractual technical assistance with licensed dieticians.

- **Grants Administration.** This section is responsible for coordinating and managing all aspects of the department's grant activities from federal, state and other funding sources to support worthy and qualifying projects. The section also provides technical

assistance to agency staff on all grant activities including preparation, application, monitoring and reporting. The section also is responsible for reviewing and responding to all sub grantee applications and inquiries as well as conducting program audits.

- **Safety/Sanitation/ADA.** This section conducts inspections and provides assistance in the correction of safety hazards and sanitation needs and provides technical advice, develops policy and processes requests for accommodations from employees, inmates and the public, providing technical assistance and training.

### *Programs and Community Service*

**Contact Person:** Larry Wayne, Deputy Director, Division of Programs and Community Service, Folsom and West Prospector Place, Building 1, P.O. Box 94661, Lincoln, NE 68509-4661, phone (402) 471-2654, fax (402) 479-5623

**Statutory Reference:** 83-922

The Division of Programs and Community Service is responsible for:

- **Inmate Classification.** The division assigns inmates to the appropriate degree of incarceration, moves them through the system in a timely manner and identifies and resolves their needs through programming.

- **Records.** The division provides technical assistance for record management and serves as the depository for discharged records.

- **Interstate Corrections Compact.**<sup>9</sup> The division provides for the transfer of Nebraska inmates to other states and inmates from other states to Nebraska.

- **Inmate Programs.** The division develops and oversees volunteer services, education, libraries, recreation and religion on a department-wide basis to ensure consistency.

- **Community Programs/Services.** The division oversees the Community Corrections Centers, the Work Ethic Camp and Adult Parole Administration.

- **Special Services Unit.** This section is responsible for central detainer administration, issuance of escape and absconder warrants, administrative process of formal governor's warrants and requisitions, management of the Inmate Telephone System, inmate transportation, central office key and lock control, teletype operations, radio communications coordination and law enforcement liaison.

### **Adult Parole Administration**

**Contact Person:** Cathy Gibson-Beltz, Parole Administrator, Folsom and West Prospector Place, Building 1, P.O. Box 94661, Lincoln, NE 68509-4661, phone (402) 479-5771, fax (402) 479-5804

**Statutory References:** 83-1,100 and 83-933

Adult Parole Administration is responsible for providing statewide parole services in the community for inmates paroled from Nebraska's adult correctional institutions as well as those individuals designated Lifetime Supervision Sex Offenders. It also is responsible for those inmates from other states who have been transferred to Nebraska under the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision. Adult Parole Administration helps paroled inmates live their lives within the limits set by the community while

<sup>9</sup>For more information about the Interstate Corrections Compact, see Page 749.

providing supervision and assistance to enable the parolee to become a productive and law-abiding citizen.

Average monthly population (2008 Annual Report).....1,021

### **Work Ethic Camp-McCook**

**Contact Person:** Barbara Lewien, Warden, Work Ethic Camp-McCook, 2309 N. Highway 83, McCook, NE 69001, phone (308) 345-8405, fax (308) 345-8407

The Work Ethic Camp opened April 30, 2001. The camp is designed for nonviolent, prison-bound male and female felony offenders eligible for intensive supervision probation, and male and female inmates pending parole. Offenders/inmates are sent to the Work Ethic Camp for a period not to exceed 180 days. The facility provides an evidence-based program targeting offender/inmate risks and needs. The program includes short term residential treatment, education, cognitive restructuring, life skills and job preparation. Facility work crews provide community service labor to local government and non-profit agencies. Design capacity is 100.

### ***Adult Institutions***

**Contact Person:** Frank X. Hopkins, Deputy Director, Adult Institutions, Folsom and West Prospector Place, Building 1, P.O. Box 94661, Lincoln, NE 68509-4661, phone (402) 471-2654, fax (402) 479-5623

**Statutory Reference:** 83-922

### **Community Corrections Center-Lincoln**

**Contact Person:** Rex Richard, Warden, Community Corrections Center-Lincoln, 2720 W. Van Dorn St., Lincoln, NE 68542-2200, phone (402) 471-0740, fax (402) 471-6268

Nebraska's community-based programming for inmates, created by the 1967 Legislature, allowed a select group of inmates to be employed in the community or attend an educational program not available within the confines of the institution. Initial participants were housed in the institution during nonwork/school hours. In 1993, a new facility opened, close to the Lincoln Correctional Center, housing both male and female community-custody inmates. Work release, education release and community detail assignment opportunities are available to those inmates who are nearing release on parole or discharge from sentence. Community leave privileges in the form of passes and furloughs may be earned. Design capacity is 200 inmates.

Average monthly population (2008 Annual Report).....377

### **Community Corrections Center-Omaha**

**Contact Person:** Ryan Mahr, Warden, Community Corrections Center-Omaha, 2320 Ave. J, Omaha, NE 68110-0099, phone (402) 595-2010, fax (402) 595-3701

The Community Corrections Center-Omaha has operated out of various Omaha locations since 1971. The program moved into a new facility in 1985. Located one block north of the Omaha Correctional Center, it provides work and educational release oppor-

tunities for those male and female inmates who have achieved community-custody status. Community detail assignment is available for other eligible inmates. Leave privileges in the form of passes and furloughs may be earned. Design capacity is 90 inmates.

Average monthly population (2008 Annual Report).....163

**Diagnostic and Evaluation Center**

**Contact Person:** Mario Peart, Warden, Diagnostic and Evaluation Center, 3220 W. Van Dorn St., Lincoln, NE 68522-9278, phone (402) 471-3330, fax (402) 479-6368

The Diagnostic and Evaluation Center opened in July 1979. Designated as a maximum security institution, it houses newly sentenced male inmates awaiting classification. Processing, testing, assessing and assignment functions are carried out at this facility, as well as selected psychiatric and medical services for other male facilities. Design capacity is 160 inmates.

Average monthly population (2008 Annual Report).....334

**Interpretation/Translation Services**

**Contact Person:** Robert Madsen, Interpreter Supervisor, Lincoln Correctional Center, 3216 W. Van Dorn St., Lincoln, NE 68542-2800, phone (402) 471-2861

This section provides oral and written interpretation and translation services to inmates, inmate families and the community.

**Lincoln Correctional Center**

**Contact Person:** Diane Sabatka-Rine, Warden, Lincoln Correctional Center, 3216 W. Van Dorn St., Lincoln, NE 68542-2800, phone (402) 471-2861, fax (402) 479-6100

The Lincoln Correctional Center opened in 1979 and houses male inmates classified as maximum and medium custody. The facility includes general population units as well as in-patient mental health and sex offender program units. Institutional employment opportunities are available to the inmate population as are educational programming and organized recreational and leisure time activities. Design capacity is 308 inmates.

Average monthly population (2008 Annual Report).....472

**Nebraska Correctional Center for Women**

**Contact Person:** John Dahm, Warden, Nebraska Correctional Center for Women, 1107 Recharge Road, York, NE 68467-8003, phone (402) 362-3317, fax (402) 362-3892

The Nebraska Correctional Center for Women is a maximum-, medium- and minimum-security prison for women that also provides evaluation services to the state's district courts for convicted female felons before sentencing. The facility provides parenting, mental health, substance abuse treatment, education, recreation and religious programs. Work opportunities include employment in correctional industries, specifically data entry and sewing, and institutional support such as food service and janitorial. Design capacity is 275 inmates.

Average monthly population (2008 Annual Report).....294

### Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility

**Contact Person:** Mike Kenney, Warden, Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility, 2610 N. 20th St. E., Omaha, NE 68110, phone (402) 595-2000, fax (402) 997-7477

The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility opened in 1998 and is a maximum-, medium- and minimum-security prison. Designed to house young inmates who have been adjudicated as adults, the facility accepts the youngest inmates committed to the Department of Correctional Services and has the ability to house them until they reach 21 years and 10 months of age. The facility's mission is focused on intensive programming. All inmates have work assignments. Design capacity is 68 inmates.

Average monthly population (2008 Annual Report).....85

### Nebraska State Penitentiary

**Contact Person:** Dennis Bakewell, Warden, Nebraska State Penitentiary, 4201 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68502, mailing address: P.O. Box 2500, Lincoln, NE 68542-2500, phone (402) 471-3161, ext. 3226, fax (402) 471-4326

The Nebraska State Penitentiary houses male inmates classified as maximum, medium and minimum custody. The facility includes two minimum-security dormitories and houses the Residential Treatment Community. Correctional Industries workshops provide rehabilitation through employment and work skills training for inmates. Education services are provided for inmates. The facility design capacity is 718.

Average monthly population (2008 Annual Report).....1,141

### Omaha Correctional Center

**Contact Person:** Karen Shortridge, Warden, Omaha Correctional Center, 2323 Ave. J, Omaha, NE 68111-0099, phone (402) 595-3964, fax (402) 595-2227

The Omaha Correctional Center, established by the 1975 Legislature, is a correctional facility for medium- and minimum-security male inmates. It opened in 1984 on a 37-acre site located in east Omaha. The center provides education and recreation programs and institutional employment for inmates. A new housing unit was added in 1994, increasing the center's design capacity to 396 inmates.

Average monthly population (2008 Annual Report).....615

### Tecumseh State Correctional Institution

**Contact Person:** Fred Britten, Warden, Tecumseh State Correctional Institution, 2725 N. Highway 50, Tecumseh, NE 68450, phone (402) 335-5998, fax (402) 335-5115

After approval by the 1997 Nebraska Legislature, construction commenced in early 1999 for an institution designed to house maximum, medium, death row and intensive management male inmates. The institution began receiving inmates in December 2001. The institution has a design capacity of 960.

Average monthly population (2008 Annual Report).....905

## Department of Economic Development

**Office Address:** 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, phone (402) 471-3111, toll-free phone (800) 426-6505, fax (402) 471-3778, Web site — [www.neded.org](http://www.neded.org)

**Director:** Richard Baier

**Deputy Director of Operations:** Gary Hamer

**Statutory References:** 81-101 and 81-1201.02

**Publications:** *Nebraska Development News*, published online 12 times a year. Many publications and forms are available on the department's Web site.

### *Business Development Division*

**Contact Person:** Dan Curran, Director, Business Development Division, 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, phone (402) 471-6513, toll-free phone (800) 426-6505, fax (402) 471-3365

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1201.07

The Business Development Division's ultimate goal is to expand job opportunities in Nebraska by attracting new business and industry, while encouraging expansion of existing industry. The division helps Nebraska communities seek new business and industry through national and international advertising, direct mail, personal calls to prospective industries and participation in trade shows of targeted industries and special events.

Promotional literature stresses the advantages of locating and expanding new businesses and industries in Nebraska. These advantages include performance-based tax incentives, the state's central location, a productive work force, reliable transportation, a generally positive business climate and low-cost, abundant energy.

Existing business assistance provides direct services, including human resource development, business financing, help in enhancing productivity, market diversification and export assistance. It also serves as a clearinghouse for referrals to other sources, such as the Nebraska Business Development Centers and the Nebraska Manufacturing Extension Partnership.

Staff coordinate labor training with industrial location and expansion through advertising, screening assessment, referral, pre-employment, on-the-job training and post-employment training for hourly employees.

Business finance consultants identify and structure financial resources to meet the needs of new and expanding businesses.

The division's One-Stop Business Assistance Center improves businesses' access to state government and reduces government's response time to business needs. The center provides information on regulations, licenses, state and federal requirements, economic development programs and assistance with marketing, business and financing research.

### *Nebraska Manufacturing Extension Partnership*

**Contact Person:** Dave Wright, Operations Manager, Nebraska Manufacturing Extension Partnership, 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, phone (402) 471-3755, toll-free phone (800) MEP-4MFG,

fax (402) 471-3365, e-mail address — [dave.wright@nebraska.gov](mailto:dave.wright@nebraska.gov)

The Nebraska Manufacturing Extension Partnership has a network of offices that team with Nebraska companies to help them become more competitive. Partners in Nebraska MEP are the Nebraska Business Development Center, the Food Processing Center, the Nebraska Community College System and the Department of Economic Development.

### *Community and Rural Development Division*

**Contact Person:** Lara Huskey, Director, Community and Rural Development Division, 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, phone (402) 471-3759, toll-free phone (800) 426-6505, fax (402) 471-3778

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1201.07

The Community and Rural Development Division helps communities build development capacity and provides programs and services for housing and community development.

The division has financial and technical assistance for community and economic development. Financial resources come from the Community Development Block Grant Program, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund and the Nebraska Microenterprise Development Program.

Community Development Block Grant awards are made to communities for economic development and community development activities. Community development grants spur local economic development by funding projects that maintain or expand needed public facilities and adequate housing. They also expand the state's economic base by helping businesses bring new income into — and prevent income from leaving — the state.

The HOME funds provide another source for community and economic development. Through the Technical Assistance Review Team, which is composed of private and public housing partners, communities in need of affordable housing may apply for funds and receive valuable technical assistance and funding for their projects.

The Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund serves as a source of affordable housing funding for the state.

The Microenterprise Development Fund is intended to encourage economic development by assisting start-up, small and home-based businesses with loans.

The division's efforts in community betterment also include the Nebraska Community Improvement Program and the Community Development Assistance Act. NCIP is a partnership between the department, the University of Nebraska and six investor-owned natural gas and telephone companies. CDAA empowers the department to distribute a 40 percent state tax credit to businesses, corporations, insurance firms or financial institutions that make eligible contributions of cash, services or materials to approved community betterment projects.

The Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan, which is the comprehensive plan that identifies the state's needs in housing, homelessness, and community and economic development, is developed every five years. The Consolidated Plan is revised and reviewed annually in the Annual Performance Report. Both are available

from the department.

The division also manages the Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness. The commission is committed to developing housing and policies that foster the creation and preservation of affordable housing for all Nebraskans.

**Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness**

**Contact Person:** Lara Huskey, Housing Coordinator, Community and Rural Development Division, 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, phone (402) 471-3759, toll-free phone (800) 426-6505, fax (402) 471-3778, e-mail address — [lara.huskey@nebraska.gov](mailto:lara.huskey@nebraska.gov)

The Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness was established in 1998. Its purposes are to develop ongoing, specific affordable housing and homelessness policies; make recommendations to the governor on policies, plans and courses of action; and monitor implementation of the recommendations.

NCHH has 18 members appointed by the governor from private and nonprofit sectors, including planners, service providers, low-income advocacy groups, developers, bankers, builders and housing manufacturers. The Department of Economic Development provides staff support. No state funds support NCHH activities.

Member	Affiliation
Ann Beseke, Chadron.....	Family Rescue Service
Mary Byrnes, Omaha.....	Reunion Mortgage
Rosann Chilton, Gordon.....	Gordon Housing Authority
Tamara Evans, Fremont.....	Care Corps
Alan M. Green, Lincoln.....	Mental Health Association of Nebraska
Ardith M. Hoins, Fairbury.....	Blue Valley Community Action
Robin Hollman, Lincoln.....	NIFA
Thomas Huston, Lincoln.....	Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather, LLP
Thomas G. Judds, Omaha.....	Midwest Housing Equity Group, Inc.
DiAnn Kolkman, North Platte.....	First National Bank
Ken Lyons, Omaha.....	New Community Development Corporation
Kathryn Mesner, Central City.....	Mesner Development
Roger D. Nadrchal, Norfolk.....	Neighbor Works Northeast Nebraska
Barbara Ostrum, McCook.....	Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska
Erin Porterfield, Omaha.....	Omaha Continuum of Care
Karen Rathke, Grand Island.....	Heartland United Way
Melissa Robinson-Henscheid, Walthill.....	Native Council on Economic & Community Development
Brent Williams, Lincoln.....	Excel Development Group

**Community Development Block Grant Program Advisory Committee**

**Contact Person:** Steve Charleston, Community Development Block Grant Program Manager, Community and Rural Development Division, 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, phone (402) 471-3757, toll-free phone (800) 426-6505, fax (402) 471-3778, e-mail address — [steve.charleston@nebraska.gov](mailto:steve.charleston@nebraska.gov)

**Statutory References:** 81-1201.07 and 81-1201.08

Created in 1986, the Community Development Block Grant Program Advisory Committee regularly consults with the department’s Community Development Block



Grant Program. The committee helps determine community development objectives, state priorities and funding guidelines for community development projects, which must conform to objectives set forth in the federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended.

Committee members are appointed by the Economic Development Commission upon recommendations of the department. Members include:

- two municipal officials from first class cities — one elected official and one appointed official who live in different congressional districts
- two municipal officials from second class cities — one elected official and one appointed official who live in different congressional districts
- two municipal officials from villages — one elected official and one appointed official who live in different congressional districts
- two elected county officials who live in different congressional districts
- one staff member from a development district or a regional council
- one staff member from the Governor's Policy Research Office
- one staff member from the community action corporations
- one professional engineer

<b>Member</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Dave Boeckner, Scottsbluff .....	Elected 1st Class City Official, District 3.....	August 2009
Inez Boyd, Bellevue .....	Elected County Official, District 2.....	August 2009
Carol Bruggeman, Johnson .....	Appointed Village Official, District 1.....	August 2008
Jim Condon, Lincoln .....	Professional Engineer .....	Not less than one-year term
George Frye, Lincoln .....	Development District .....	Not less than one-year term
Lowell Johnson, Wayne .....	Appointed 1st Class City Official, District 1.....	August 2008
Marlene Johnson, West Point .....	Elected 2nd Class City Official, District 1.....	August 2008
Nikki Johnston, O'Neill .....	Appointed 2nd Class City Official, District 3.....	August 2009
Marvin Polacek, Harvard .....	Elected 2nd Class City Official, District 3.....	August 2009
Rick Soper, Kimball .....	Elected 2nd Class City Official, District 3.....	August 2009
Richard Nation, Fairbury .....	Community Action Agency .....	Not less than one-year term
Dan Hoffman, Lincoln .....	Governor's Policy Research Office .....	Not less than one-year term

### ***Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act***

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The department provides assistance to communities that want to implement the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act (LB 840), the mechanism by which cities and villages can spend local tax dollars on local economic development programs.

### ***International Division***

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The Office of International Trade and Investment coordinates with other state agencies and with the governor's office to arrange foreign marketing and investment opportunities for Nebraska business and industry.

The office's Export Program promotes the export of Nebraska products to international markets through counseling, training and referrals to local export services. The Department of Economic Development also offers exposure to international markets and export finance programs for small business through international trade shows and governor-led trade missions abroad.

### ***Travel and Tourism Division***

**Contact Person:** Christian Hornbaker, Director, Travel and Tourism Division, P.O. Box 98907, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, phone (402) 471-3794, toll-free (800) 228-4307, fax (402) 471-3026, Web site — [www.visitnebraska.org](http://www.visitnebraska.org)

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1201.07

The mission of the Travel and Tourism Division is to promote Nebraska attractions and events to the traveling public. The division produces tourism materials, works with communities to promote existing attractions and develop new attractions, leads press tours for travel writers and orientation tours for group tour leaders, trains and employs vacation guides who work at information centers, and provides grants for the promotion and development of attractions.

### ***Nebraska Film Office***

**Contact Person:** Michelle Millsap, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, phone (402) 471-3746, toll-free (800) 426-6505, fax (402) 471-3778, Web site — [www.filmnebraska.org](http://www.filmnebraska.org)

The Nebraska Film Office promotes Nebraska to producers of feature films, independent films, made-for-television movies, documentaries, commercials and other film-related activities. The Film Office also publishes a production guide listing services available for filmmaking in Nebraska, provides scouting services for potential projects

and serves as a liaison between state agencies and local governments during filming projects.

### *Economic Development Commission*

**Contact Person:** Richard Baier, Director, Department of Economic Development, 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, phone (402) 471-3111, toll-free phone (800) 426-6505, fax (402) 471-3778, Web site — [www.neded.org](http://www.neded.org)

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1201.02

The Economic Development Commission members are appointed by the governor and advise the Department of Economic Development on ways to develop Nebraska's economy. The commission's goals are:

- expanding personal income by developing business and employment opportunities
- developing a stable economy to enhance the state's environment
- developing a strong economy and economic opportunities in the state's communities and counties
- developing an economy that provides necessary revenue for state and local government to keep citizens' taxes low
- ensuring the department runs a nonpolitical, professionally managed division of state government

The commission has nine voting members and the director of economic development, who serves as a nonvoting member. Members serve six-year terms and may serve two consecutive terms.

To achieve a broad-based commission that represents Nebraska's economy, members are selected from rural and urban areas and come from diverse backgrounds, such as production agriculture, manufacturing, transportation, communications, travel and tourism and insurance. No more than five members may belong to the same political party. Members are not paid, but are reimbursed for expenses. The commission meets at least four times a year.

Member	Congressional District	Term Expires
Timothy Burke, Bellevue (I) <sup>10</sup> .....	District 2 .....	July 15, 2012
Phyllis A. Gardner, Max (R) .....	District 3 .....	July 15, 2012
Michael Herre, Fremont (R) .....	District 1 .....	July 15, 2012
Richard "Dick" Jeffries, Omaha (D) .....	District 2 .....	July 15, 2012
Craig K. Madson, Lincoln (D) .....	District 1 .....	July 15, 2010
Janet A. Palmtag, Nebraska City (R) .....	District 1 .....	July 15, 2012
Marilyn Sims, Omaha (D) .....	District 2 .....	July 15, 2010
Bob L. Unzicker, Gering (R) .....	District 3 .....	July 15, 2012
Timothy "Tim" D. White, Grand Island (R) .....	District 3 .....	July 15, 2010
Richard Baier, Lincoln .....	Director of Economic Development .....	Nonexpiring

<sup>10</sup>Political party affiliation: R=Republican, D=Democrat, I=Independent.

## Nebraska Energy Office

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**Director:** Neil Moseman

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1601

The office was originally created by executive order in November 1973 as the Fuel Allocation Office within the Department of Revenue. From 1977 to 1987, the Energy Office operated as a separate code agency with a stipulation in its authorizing legislation that the office could be moved into another agency by executive order. In 1987, the Energy Office became a division of the Policy Research Office by executive order. In 1991, both the Energy Office and the Policy Research Office became divisions of the Governor's Office. On July 1, 2008, the governor elevated the Energy Office to a cabinet level code agency and appointed its director.

The vision of the Energy Office is for Nebraskans to have reliable and affordable energy sources that support a cleaner environment and a more secure energy future. The Energy Office's mission is to promote efficient, economic and environmentally responsible energy use. In support of this mission, the Energy Office has established the following four goals: maximize efficient use of traditional energy resources; encourage Nebraskans to adopt energy efficiency through lost cost financing; encourage development and use of renewable energy resources; and advise the executive and legislative branches of state government on energy policy and security.

The Energy Office:

- serves as a central repository for energy data relevant to the state
- assesses trends in the availability, use and development of all energy forms
- collects and analyzes data relating to energy needs and specifies these needs for the state
- recommends state energy policies and conservation measures to the governor and the Legislature and carries out adopted measures
- provides the public with information on energy sources, use and conservation
- accepts and dispenses public and private funds for research studies, demonstration projects and other energy conservation or development activities
- studies the impact and relationship of state energy policies to those on the regional and national level
- actively seeks Nebraskans' advice on energy policies and programs
- prepares emergency energy allocation plans and makes suggestions to the governor if a serious energy shortage takes place
- designs a state energy conservation program and provides technical assistance to local governments and citizens who seek information on energy conservation techniques and the use of renewable energy technologies

The Energy Office administers the federally funded Low Income Weatherization Assistance Program and the State Energy Conservation Program as well as other energy efficiency, conservation and renewable energy initiatives including the Nebraska Certified

Green Building Program and Wind Powering America. The office also administers and enforces the Nebraska Energy Code.

The Energy Office administers the state's Petroleum Violation Escrow funds, also known as oil overcharge funds. These funds were received as a result of federal pricing regulation violations by crude oil producers. States were required to provide restitutionary programs with these funds. Nebraska's largest restitution program is the Dollar and Energy Savings Loan Program administered by the Energy Office. This energy efficiency program partners with the state's lending institutions to provide 5 percent interest rate loans to residents for energy improvements to their homes, businesses, farms, ranches and nonprofit organizations. Funds also are available for renewable energy and alternate fuel projects throughout the state. Loans are available at more than 600 locations throughout the state and total nearly \$200 million.

## Department of Environmental Quality

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**Director:** Mike Linder

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1502

The Department of Environmental Control was created in 1971 by the Nebraska Environmental Protection Act. Legislation passed in 1992 changed the agency's name to the Department of Environmental Quality. The department administers the rules, regulations and standards adopted to protect and improve water, air, and land quality in the state. The department also provides services to towns, industries and citizens through several assistance programs, meetings, training, and conferences.

The Environmental Protection Act also established the Environmental Control Council, now known as the Environmental Quality Council. The department director is appointed by the governor upon recommendation of the council and with the Legislature's consent. The director serves as secretary of the council.

The department operates with state general funds, cash funds and federal funds.

### *Environmental Assistance Division*

This division provides a central source of technical information for the public, businesses, and industries affected by environmental regulations. The division consolidates several agency public outreach programs:

Small Business and Public Assistance – assists individuals, businesses, and industries in complying with air quality, waste management, and water quality regulations. The Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel (statutory reference: 81-1505.03) helps businesses comply with requirements of the federal Clean Air Act;

One-Stop Permit Assistance – serves as a clearinghouse for information related to the department's various permitting processes;

Title III — Community Right-to-Know – assists businesses subject to the state and federal Community Right-to-Know acts; Nebraska Environmental Partnerships – helps

Nebraska's small communities address the challenges posed by complex environmental regulations, limited financial resources, and aging infrastructure.

The department's Release Assessment Coordinator is also located in this division. Through the Release Assessment Program, department personnel provide technical and regulatory assistance to those responsible for spills, leaks, and accidents that pose a hazard to either the environment or public health.

### *Management Services Division*

This division provides administrative and technical support to department programs. The division is organized into the following areas of support: grants/contracts coordination, public information, human resources, fiscal services, and information technology. This division also includes the department's records management program, which is responsible for managing the agency's public records.

### *Legal Services Division*

This division provides legal support to the director and the agency. Among its responsibilities are preparing legal opinions interpreting laws and regulations, advising the director and agency staff on duties and program responsibilities, and preparing administrative orders and other enforcement actions. The division also assists the Attorney General's office by providing legal expertise in environmental law and participating in court cases.

### *Air Quality Division*

Air Quality Division objectives are to achieve and maintain the national and state ambient air quality standards, protect the quality of the air in areas of the state that have air cleaner than the standards, and to implement air quality rules and regulations. The division devotes extensive resources towards compliance assistance and outreach activities through its Planning and Development Program.

### **Permitting Programs**

The department has implemented a construction permit program for air contaminant sources since the 1970s. Facilities are required to obtain a construction permit before they construct, reconstruct, or modify any air contaminant source or emission unit where there is a net increase in the potential to emit contaminants above specified levels. The department also implements the federal construction permit program known as Prevention of Significant Deterioration. This program applies to sources that emit significant levels of air contaminants.

Once constructed and operational, facilities subject to the construction permit program must also obtain an operating permit. Operating permits are issued to both large and small sources of air pollution, and are renewed every five years.

### **Compliance Programs**

The department operates an air quality monitoring network to determine compliance with national and state air quality standards. Two agencies assist the department with the day-to-day operation of the network: the Douglas County Health Department, and the Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department. Monitoring is conducted for the following pollutants: particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide, ozone, lead, and total reduced sulfur.

The department conducts compliance inspections of air pollution sources, responds to citizen complaints, and observes and evaluates air contaminant emission tests. The department attempts to obtain compliance with regulations through voluntary efforts, but pursues legal enforcement actions when the issues are serious, chronic, or cannot otherwise be resolved.

### ***Waste Management Division***

To protect Nebraska's land and water resources, Waste Management Division programs ensure that non-hazardous wastes are properly disposed, hazardous waste is managed from creation to disposal, and contaminated sites are investigated and cleaned up according to state and federal standards. The department also administers several waste-related grant programs.

### **Solid Waste Program**

The Solid Waste Program is responsible for permitting and inspecting solid waste disposal areas (municipal landfills, construction and demolition disposal sites, delisted waste disposal areas, fossil fuel ash disposal areas, industrial waste disposal areas) and waste processing facilities (compost sites, material recovery (recycling) facilities, and transfer stations).

### **Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Program**

The RCRA program ensures that hazardous waste is properly managed from the point of generation until final disposal. Among this program's duties are: performing compliance inspections at facilities that generate hazardous waste; reviewing permit applications for treatment, storage and disposal facilities; approving closure and post-closure plans for hazardous waste storage areas and disposal sites; and investigating complaints. The RCRA program also helps hazardous waste generators maintain compliance with regulations through a Compliance Assistance Program.

### **Superfund Program**

This program administers cooperative agreements with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the federal Superfund program that was established to clean up the most seriously contaminated sites in the nation. The DEQ Superfund Program helps in the identification of potential Superfund sites and assists the EPA with ongoing work at the 13 National Priority List sites in Nebraska.

### **Voluntary Cleanup Program**

This program provides property owners and parties responsible for contamination with a mechanism to develop voluntary cleanup plans that are reviewed and approved by the department. The program provides an avenue for businesses to proceed with cleanup of property and an opportunity for review and oversight that may not be available at the federal level. This program also performs targeted assessments at brownfield sites (vacant or underused industrial or commercial property where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived contamination).

### **Planning and Aid**

The Waste Management Planning and Aid Unit administers the following programs:

**Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grants Program** (to assist in financing sound integrated waste management programs and projects);

**Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant Program** (to support programs that reduce litter, provide education, and promote recycling);

**Illegal Dumpsite Cleanup Program** (to assist political subdivisions in the cleanup of solid waste disposed along public roadways or ditches); and

**Landfill Disposal Fee Rebate Program** (to provide an incentive to political subdivisions to support and encourage the purchase of products, materials, or supplies manufactured or produced from recycled material).

### ***Water Quality Division***

To protect Nebraska's surface water and ground water resources, Water Quality Division programs ensure that petroleum leak and spill sites are investigated and cleaned up if necessary, livestock waste is properly managed, and discharges of pollutants into streams and rivers do not exceed levels intended to protect aquatic life. The division conducts surface water monitoring, administers groundwater protection programs, and issues permits for wastewater treatment facilities and sanitary sewer systems.

### **Petroleum Remediation Program**

The Petroleum Remediation Program oversees the investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination resulting from leaking underground and above ground storage tanks and surface spills. The program also administers the Petroleum Release Remedial Action Reimbursement Fund (Title 200), a cleanup assistance fund for persons responsible for cleanup costs due to petroleum releases from tanks.

### **Agriculture Section**

The Livestock Waste Control Program strives to protect Nebraska's surface water and groundwater from contamination by livestock waste by conducting inspections and issuing permits. The program requires many livestock operations to construct livestock waste control facilities. Owners must submit plans and specifications and obtain approval prior to construction and operation of the facilities. Some operations are required to



monitor groundwater near their facilities. The Agriculture Section also administers the Chemigation and Agricultural Chemical Secondary Containment programs.

### **Surface Water and Groundwater Assessment Programs**

Surface water monitoring program staff collect physical, chemical and biological water quality samples from streams, lakes and wetlands throughout the state to identify and help remediate water quality problems. Fish tissue samples are collected annually for analysis of toxic pollutants; health advisories are issued if necessary. The program also investigates fish kills and citizen complaints, and since 2004, has monitored over 30 lakes for the presence of toxic algae.

Groundwater unit assessment programs focus on assessing the quality of the state's groundwater resources, and protecting those resources through project reviews, permitting, and voluntary programs. The Groundwater Management Area program focuses on assessing areas where groundwater problems from nonpoint source contaminants exist or are likely to exist. The unit conducts hydrogeologic studies and reviews, reviews and issues permits for wells used to inject fluids underground, and administers the state Wellhead Protection program.

### **Water Quality Planning**

Water Quality Planning program staff conduct a variety of planning, assessment, certification, and grant activities. This unit develops water quality standards that designate the beneficial uses to be made of surface waters, and the criteria to protect these uses; administers the Section 401 certification program to determine if applications for federal permits and licenses involving a discharge comply with state water quality standards; develops Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) that include pollution control goals and strategies necessary to improve the quality of impaired surface waters; administers the Nonpoint Source Management Program to protect and improve the quality of water bodies impacted by nonpoint source pollution (grants are provided for eligible projects); and administers the Source Water Assessment Program to assist in protecting public drinking water supplies and systems.

### **Wastewater**

The department's Wastewater Section provides a variety of programs all related to wastewater treatment systems and their associated discharges. The Engineering Management program reviews planning documents and issues construction permits for wastewater treatment facilities and sanitary sewer lines. The program also provides assistance and training for wastewater facility operators.

The On-Site Wastewater program focuses on protecting surface and ground water in the area of proposed on-site systems (septic systems and small lagoons) through the certification of on-site professionals and the review of subdivision development plans.

The Wastewater Section administers two permitting programs that regulate dischargers of water pollutants: the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), and the Nebraska Pretreatment Program. NPDES permits issued to municipalities and

industries place limits on the pollutants that can be discharged into Nebraska's rivers and streams. This program also issues permits that limit the discharge of pollutants in storm water from industrial, municipal, and construction sites. Pretreatment Program permits protect municipal wastewater systems from damage or overloading by industries.

### **Financial Assistance**

The agency administers the distribution of state and federal assistance through two community aid programs: the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund, which provides low-interest loans and small town matching grants for construction of public wastewater treatment facilities and sanitary sewer collection systems; and the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund, which provides low-interest loans for construction of public and private drinking water systems.

### **Field Offices**

The department maintains field offices in Omaha, Norfolk, Holdrege, North Platte, Chadron, and Scottsbluff. Field office staff are responsible for conducting compliance inspections, complaint investigations, environmental sampling, project management, and local compliance assistance for the agency's air quality, water quality, and waste management divisions. Contact information for field offices is available on the department's Web site: [www.deq.state.ne.us](http://www.deq.state.ne.us).

### ***Environmental Quality Council***

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**Statutory Reference:** 81-1503

The Environmental Quality Council was created to carry out the federal Environmental Protection Act, and adopts rules and regulations that set air, water, and land quality standards designed to protect the environment and the public health and welfare of the state. The governor appoints the director of the Department of Environmental Quality based on recommendations by the council.

The council has 17 members appointed to four-year terms by the governor with legislative approval. Council members represent the food products manufacturing industry, conservation interests, the agricultural processing industry, the automotive or petroleum industry, the chemical industry, heavy industry, the power generating industry, crop production, labor, the livestock industry, minority populations, county government and municipal government (two members, one of which represents cities not of the primary or metropolitan class). Other members include a professional engineer experienced in controlling air and water pollution and solid wastes, a medical doctor with knowledge about the health aspects of air, water and land pollution and a biologist.

The council meets at least four times per year. Members are paid \$40 a day when conducting council business and are reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Douglas Anderson, Aurora.....	Agricultural Processing.....	June 22, 2011
Michael W. Bair, Aurora.....	Municipal Government.....	June 22, 2009
John T. Baker, Scottsbluff.....	Professional Engineer.....	June 22, 2011
Vaughn Blum, Schuyler.....	Food Products Manufacturing.....	June 22, 2009
Lawrence Bradley, Omaha.....	Minority Populations.....	June 22, 2009
Joseph Citta, Jr., Columbus.....	Power Generating Industry.....	June 22, 2009
Mark Czaplewski, Grand Island.....	Biologist.....	June 22, 2009
Rod Gangwish, Shelton.....	Agricultural Crop Production.....	June 22, 2009
Robert C. Hall, Wahoo.....	Labor.....	June 22, 2009
Leigh Hoyt, McCook.....	County Government.....	June 22, 2011
Dr. Lon Keim, Omaha.....	Physician.....	June 22, 2011
John Kinter, Norfolk.....	Heavy Industry.....	June 22, 2011
John C. Turnbull, York.....	Conservation.....	June 22, 2011
Mark Whitehead, Vice Chair, Lincoln.....	Automotive/Petroleum Industry.....	June 22, 2009
Donald E. Williams, Orchard.....	Chemical Industry.....	June 22, 2011
Ronald Zeiger, Syracuse.....	Municipal Government.....	June 22, 2011
Alden Zuhlke, Brunswick.....	Livestock Industry.....	June 22, 2009

## State Fire Marshal

**Office Address:** 246 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 471-2027

**State Fire Marshal:** John E. Falgione

**Statutory Reference:** 81-501.01

**Publications:** Annual report

The state fire marshal's office:

- inspects buildings to ensure fire and life safety and to ensure buildings are free from barriers
- orders the removal of combustible and explosive materials from any building or premise and orders the abatement of dangerous conditions that constitute fire hazards
- orders exits and egress of buildings as necessary to ensure safe escape in case of fire
- orders the destruction, repair or alteration of dilapidated buildings
- issues permits for wholesale and retail sale of fireworks and enforces statutes applicable to the sale, use and storage of pyrotechnics
- promulgates rules and regulations and adopts recognized safety standards for fire prevention and protection in Nebraska
- prescribes and enforces regulations that set state safety standards for transporting natural and other gas by pipelines not under the jurisdiction of the Federal Power Commission or the Interstate Commerce Commission
- investigates the origin, cause and circumstances surrounding fires, explosions and similar emergencies
- creates and enforces accessibility standards for buildings and facilities
- enforces the underground storage tank program in conjunction with the state Department of Environmental Quality

- provides statewide training programs for fire departments and other emergency response organizations

The 1909 Legislature created a Fire Commission. Its duties were transferred in 1919 to the Division of Fire Prevention in the Department of Trade and Commerce. In 1925, appointing the state fire marshal became the responsibility of the governor. The state fire marshal was placed under the Department of Trade and Commerce and in 1933, under the Department of Insurance. In 1974, the state fire marshal was made responsible to the governor by the Legislature. The state fire marshal's office is funded, in part, through taxes paid by companies conducting fire insurance business in Nebraska.

*Nebraska Fire Safety Appeals Board*

**Contact Person:** John Falgione, State Fire Marshal, 246 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 471-2027

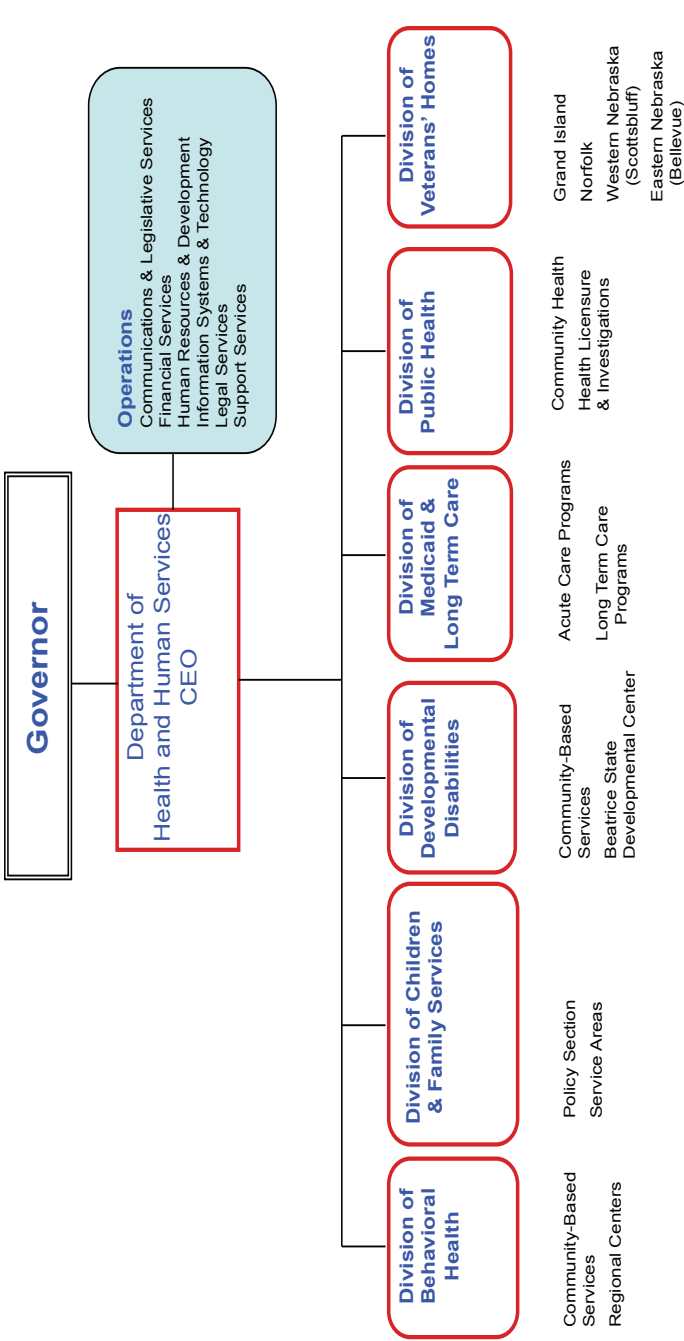
**Statutory Reference:** 81-502.01

The 1971 Legislature created an advisory committee to the Office of the State Fire Marshal. In 1977, the advisory committee was changed to the Nebraska Fire Safety Appeals Board. The board advises the state fire marshal on application of fire regulations.

The board has nine members: a fire insurance industry representative; an architect; a public school district board member; a fire protection engineer; a fire department inspector; a volunteer fire department member; a state Department of Health and Human Services representative; a Nebraska Association of Hospitals and Health Systems representative; and a state Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure representative. Members are chosen by the governor and serve four-year terms. They are not paid but are reimbursed for their expenses.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Dan Childers, Hastings.....	Fire Department Inspector.....	Sept. 24, 2011
Dan Gillessen, Martell.....	Health and Human Services.....	Sept. 24, 2011
David Grimes, Raymond.....	NE Association of School Boards.....	Sept. 24, 2011
Dave Kozak, Grand Island.....	Nebraska Hospital Association.....	Sept. 24, 2011
R.J. Lippert, Lincoln.....	Fire Protection.....	Sept. 24, 2011
Robert Olson, Lincoln.....	Architect.....	Sept. 24, 2011
Teri Reigert, Lincoln.....	Fire Insurance Industry.....	Sept. 24, 2011
Robert Semerena, Lincoln.....	Health and Human Services.....	Sept. 24, 2011
Alan Viox, Nebraska City.....	City Building Inspector.....	Sept. 24, 2011

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services\*



\* Source: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

## Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

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**Chief Executive Officer:** Vacant

**Statutory References:** LB 296, 2007 Legislative Session

LB 296, the Health and Human Services Act, was passed by the Legislature in March 2007. LB 296 transferred the administration of publicly funded health and human services programs in the State of Nebraska from the Health and Human Services System to the newly created Department of Health and Human Services, effective July 1, 2007. LB 296 eliminated the HHS System and its three departments.

LB 296 was the next step in a reorganization set forth by LB 1044 in 1996, the Nebraska Partnership for Health and Human Services Act. LB 1044 eliminated the Aging, Health, Public Institutions and Social Services departments and the Office of Juvenile Services in the Department of Correctional Services and created a system of three agencies beginning January 1, 1997. The agencies were the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure, and the Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support. This system was directed by a Policy Cabinet made up of the three agency directors, a policy secretary and a chief medical officer, if one was appointed.

Under LB 296, a Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Health and Human Services is appointed by the Governor, and confirmed by the Legislature, to direct the Department of Health and Human Services. The Department has six divisions whose directors are also appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature. These are the Divisions of Behavioral Health, the Division of Children and Family Services, the Division of Developmental Disabilities, the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care, the Division of Public Health, and the Division of Veterans' Homes. The operations support of the Department of Health and Human Services are placed together organizationally.

### Chief Executive Officer

**Contact Person:** Chief Executive Officer, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, phone (402) 471-9433

Under LB 296, a Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Health and Human Services is appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Legislature to direct the Department of Health and Human Services.

Responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer include:

- supervise and administer the department and employees, and allow for transfer of personnel between divisions
- manage services and programs
- enter into necessary agreements for provision of services
- recommend legislation that is deemed necessary and appropriate
- consult and cooperate with other state agencies

- adopt and promulgate rules and regulations as required
- coordinate assistance programs under direction of the Adjutant General, established under section 81-829.72, with programs of the department
- coordinate budget, research and data collection efforts
- ensure the Legislature's Appropriations Committee is provided any information required to make funding determinations and recommendations
- seek grants and other funds from federal and other public and private sources to carry out the purposes of the act
- act as an agent of the federal government in matters of mutual concern in conformity with the Act and scope of authority of the department as provided by law
- facilitate joint planning initiatives, and encourage and direct initiatives and collaboration in the department
- delegate the authority to division directors to act as a decision maker in contested cases
- consider adopting rules and regulations regarding access to and security of confidential information among divisions and within divisions based on several factors

### *Operations*

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Operations involves all activities of the Department of Health and Human Services that provide support to the divisions. The areas include Communications and Legislative Services, Financial Services, Human Resources and Development, Information Systems and Technology, Legal Services and Support Services.

### *Communications and Legislative Services*

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Communications and Legislative Services provides public information activities through media relations and outreach efforts, legislative coordination for the department, and activities of the DHHS System Advocate. The System Advocate responds to questions, concerns and complaints regarding Health and Human Services and publishes an annual report. The System Advocate can be reached at Department of Health and Human Services, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, phone (402) 471-6035 or (800) 254-4202, e-mail address — system.information@dhhs.ne.gov

### *Financial Services*

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Financial Services provides support to DHHS through budget development and

monitoring, state and federal report compilation, performance accountability and program evaluation, audits, accounting transactions, revenue collections and monitoring, grant and contract support, Medicaid reimbursements and claims processing, financial and program analysis and cost allocation and staff development.

#### *Human Resources and Development*

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Human Resources and Development provides support to approximately 6,000 DHHS employees across the state. The division includes employee recruitment and selection, affirmative action, employee equal opportunity, compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, labor relations, classification and compensation, equity and diversity, organizational development, employee training, career development, supervisory support, human resource analysis and planning, payroll processing, workers' compensation, benefits, employee and community service drives, unemployment insurance.

#### *Information Systems and Technology*

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Information Systems and Technology, in partnership with DAS-Information Management Services, provides leadership, project management, planning, implementation and support services for information technology for DHHS. IS&T helps the business define automation solutions by providing an automation plan, implementation, testing and maintenance/ongoing support. IS&T also provides Help Desk support and network/hardware support to the department, including procurement, installation, local area network management and maintenance.

#### *Legal Services*

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Legal Services provides legal advice and representation for DHHS by interpreting federal laws and regulations, state statutes, and administrative rules and regulations for programs and facilities and by representing the department in administrative hearings and in some court cases. The area also drafts and reviews legislation, rules and regulations and contracts.

#### *Support Services*

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Support Services offers technical assistance and support to DHHS in purchasing;



equipment inventory; surplus property; vehicle management; telecommunications; office space leasing and space planning; safety, security and emergency planning; records management; word processing; graphics; property insurance; distribution of mail, forms and supplies; and food stamp issuance.

### **Division of Behavioral Health**

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The Division of Behavioral Health administers the three state Regional Centers for the mentally ill and the publicly funded community-based behavioral health services.

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### **Statutory References for Regional Centers:** 83-107.01 and 83-305

Behavioral Health implements mental health and substance abuse programs through community and regional clinical programs and services.

Through its mental health programs, the area administers developmental and regional center clinical programs and services. Community mental-health programs operate under six regional governing boards, which administer or contract with local community mental health programs to provide comprehensive emergency, short-term inpatient, day rehabilitation and treatment, residential, vocational support, service coordination, consultation and education and specialized child and adolescent services.

Changes in the behavioral health system as a result of LB1083, passed in 2004, are intended to create a balance between hospital and community-based services and develop alternative psychiatric residential rehabilitation services that allow people to live in the community when appropriate. The role of the three regional centers is to provide indigent acute care and secure residential services. Community-based alternatives for mental health rehabilitation services, such as assertive community treatment teams, expanded community support and day rehabilitation, will be located in community settings.

A State Mental Health Planning and Evaluation Council (statutory reference: 71-5008) identifies program needs, offers guidance and acts as an advocate for the interests of consumers and their families, and makes recommendations to DHHS.

Through its gambler's assistance program, the area has goals to reduce substance abuse, compulsive gambling and dependency in Nebraska; to intervene and help substance abusers and compulsive gamblers; and to help them achieve and maintain a

life free of these problems. The program provides leadership and coordination in the development and operation of the state’s substance abuse and compulsive gambling treatment and prevention service system.

The program plans and distributes state general fund money to community-based programs that provide substance abuse prevention, intervention, treatment and aftercare services. It also administers the alcohol and drug abuse portion of the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Services Block Grant. Community alcoholism treatment and rehabilitation programs fall under six mental health and substance abuse governing boards. To ensure services meet minimum quality standards, staff visit sites to certify program compliance and staff certify alcohol and drug abuse counselors to ensure they bring competence and experience to their jobs.

The Advisory Commission on Compulsive Gambling is responsible for recommending compulsive gambling services to be made available and promoting public awareness of the availability of gambling services.

Three advisory committees assist in the work of the Division of Behavioral Health, including the State Advisory Committee on Mental Health Services (statutory reference: 71-814), the State Advisory Committee on Substance Abuse Services (statutory reference: 71-815), and the State Committee on Problem Gambling (statutory reference: 71-816).

*State Committee on Problem Gambling*

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*State Advisory Committee on Mental Health Services*

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### Division of Children & Family Services

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The Division of Children and Family Services administers Child Welfare and the Office of Juvenile Services; Economic and Family Support programs and services, including public assistance programs and child support enforcement; and the Service Areas which include local offices across the state.

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This area sets policy and procedures, develops and monitors comprehensive planning efforts such as develops and monitors contracts, manages federal audits and assures quality for family and child welfare programs. These programs include child protective services, foster care, adoption and subsidized adoption programs, adoption search, preparation for independent living, the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children,<sup>4</sup> help for victims of domestic abuse and resource development.

The goals are promoting safety of children and the community, ensuring permanent outcomes and encouraging physical, educational and mental well-being. These results are accomplished by assessing the risks of child abuse, neglect and exploitation; helping people become or remain self-supporting and independent; and providing services for dependent neglected and status offender youth and their families.

The area administers the Child Abuse Prevention Fund and the Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board.

The Nebraska child care program assists Nebraska families with the costs of child care, provides funding for child care providers to help them expand services within a community and provides training and development opportunities for child care providers and parents. These efforts are based on the state's Quality Child Care Act passed in 1991 and the federal Child Care and Development Fund.

Help with child care expenses is available, on a sliding fee scale, to families with children 12 years of age or younger and/or with special needs. Family members must be employed, attend school or training sessions, go to medical or counseling appointments or be incapacitated.

The Nebraska Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council (statutory reference: 43-3401) provides coordination for the state agencies responsible for childcare, early childhood education services and early intervention services.

Adult Protective Services administers a central registry, which contains reports of

abuse, neglect or exploitation of vulnerable adults, and provides training and technical assistance to DHHS staff.

### *Juvenile Services*

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**Statutory References:** 43-404 and 83-107.01

Juvenile Services originally was established in 1994 within the Department of Correctional Services. The programs and functions of the office were transferred to DHHS in 1997.

The functions of the Office of Juvenile Services include administration of the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers (YRTC's) in Kearney and Geneva and juvenile community supervision services. The office provides, coordinates and monitors community-based services and programs for juveniles and their families committed to the office's custody.

The Office of Juvenile Services community-based services and programs have been incorporated into the five DHHS service areas. Juvenile services officers are responsible for case management of juveniles committed to the office and supervising juveniles paroled from the YRTC's or committed by the courts for direct community placement.

YRTC-Geneva houses adjudicated female juveniles committed to Juvenile Services by the juvenile courts for staff-secure residential custody.

YRTC-Kearney houses adjudicated male juveniles committed Juvenile Services by the juvenile courts for staff-secure residential custody.

Both centers provide education and specialized treatment designed to meet the developmental needs of juveniles and to redirect their behavior.

### *Economic Assistance and Child Support Enforcement*

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This area develops statewide public assistance policies and procedures for Aid to Dependent Children; Employment First; State Supplemental Assistance for the Aged, Blind or Disabled; the State Disability Program; the Low-Income Energy Block Grant; and the Refugee Resettlement Program.

Aid to Dependent Children provides financial assistance to dependent children

deprived of support or care from parents because their parents have died, are absent from home, are physically or mentally unable, are without a job or work only part-time. State Supplemental Assistance to the Aged, Blind or Disabled provides financial help to needy aged, blind or disabled adults. People eligible for these two programs also are eligible for medical assistance.

Employment First provides job training, education and employment preparation to those who receive Aid to Dependent Children benefits. Supportive services, including medical and childcare, are provided for up to two years after a cash grant ceases to ensure the person is able to keep his or her job.

State Disability provides financial and medical assistance to needy adults who are temporarily disabled and do not qualify for Supplemental Security Income, State Supplement or Medical Assistance.

Low-Income Energy Assistance helps low-income Nebraskans defray their utility costs. Also, LIHEAP recipients' homes are weatherized upon request through local community action agencies.

Refugee Resettlement assists with refugees' financial and medical assistance during their initial resettlement in the United States.

Child Support Enforcement services include locating parents, establishing paternity, establishing child and medical support orders, enforcing support orders and reviewing and modifying court orders. The methods available to locate parents and collect support have increased because of recent legislation tied to welfare reform efforts, including a new hire registry and license suspension for people failing to pay support. Child Support Enforcement services are provided through a network of DHHS staff, county attorneys, authorized attorneys and contracted service providers.

The Food Stamp Program enables low-income households to buy a greater variety of food to provide a more nutritious diet. Each participant gets a coupon allotment based on the number of people in the household and the household's net total income.

The Food Distribution Program Unit administers U.S. Department of Agriculture surplus food and commodity distribution to school lunch programs and coordinates commodity distribution to needy individuals.

A map of Nebraska showing its 93 counties. The map is divided into four regions by thick black lines: Western (left), Northern (top-left), Eastern (top-right), and Southeast (bottom-right). The Central region is the large area in the middle. Major rivers are shown as thin blue lines: the Platte River flows from the west towards the center, and the Missouri River flows from the north towards the east. The counties are labeled with their names in all caps. The regions are labeled with their names in a large, bold, sans-serif font: 'Western' on the far left, 'Northern' on the top left, 'Eastern' on the top right, and 'Southeast' on the far right. The 'Central' label is positioned below the 'Southeast' label.

\*Source: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

### Service Areas

In 2004, the department began using a common set of geographic boundaries to organize the work of its local employees statewide into five service areas. Service area staff is responsible for the administration of the programs in the Division of Children and Family Services on the local level. The five administrators are responsible for all local offices but not the department's ten 24-hour facilities.

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Includes Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler, Custer, Valley, Greeley, Sherman, Howard, Buffalo, Hall, Merrick, Hamilton, Phelps, Kearney, Adams, Clay, Harlan, Franklin, Webster and Nuckolls Counties.

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Includes Douglas and Sarpy Counties.

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Includes Cherry, Keya Paha, Brown, Rock, Boyd, Holt, Knox, Cedar, Dixon, Dakota, Antelope, Pierce, Wayne, Thursday, Madison, Stanton, Cuming, Burt, Boone, Platte, Nance, Colfax, Dodge and Washington Counties.

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Includes Polk, Butler, Saunders, York, Seward, Lancaster, Cass, Otoe, Fillmore, Saline, Gage, Thayer, Jefferson, Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee and Richardson Counties.

**Western Service Area:** Lonnie Starke, Administrator, P.O. Box 540, 1600 10th St., Gering, NE 69341, phone (402) 436-6559, e-mail address — [lonnie.starke@dhhs.ne.gov](mailto:lonnie.starke@dhhs.ne.gov)

Includes Sioux, Dawes, Sheridan, Box Butte, Scotts Bluff, Banner, Kimball, Morrill, Garden, Kimball, Cheyenne, Deuel, Grant, Hooker, Thomas, Arthur, McPherson, Logan, Keith, Lincoln, Perkins, Chase, Hayes, Frontier, Gosper, Dundy, Hitchcock, Red Willow, and Furnas Counties.

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The Division of Developmental Disabilities is charged by state statute with carrying out the Development Disabilities Services Act and operating the Beatrice State Developmental Center (a 24-hour intermediate care facility for persons with developmental disabilities).



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The responsibility of the community-based services component is to link individuals with developmental disabilities to supports and services. This includes identifying non-specialized community supports; assessing the need for specialized services; providing certification of and technical assistance to providers of community-based developmental disability services; monitoring service delivery and administering state and federal funds used by specialized developmental disability programs in the state. The Advisory Committee on Developmental Disabilities (statutory reference: 83-1212.01) gives advice on the funding and delivery of services to persons with developmental disabilities.

*Beatrice State Developmental Center*

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**Statutory References for BSDC:** 83-107.01 and 83-217

The Beatrice State Developmental Center is a residential facility providing on-site intensive 24-hour habilitative and medical services to about 400 Nebraskans with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities. The center's Intensive Treatment Service helps people find increased opportunities through 30- to 90-day stays and home site follow-through. BSDC sponsors an annual conference that has become a national event drawing nearly 2,000 participants.

**Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care**

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The Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care administers the medical assistance program, also known as Medicaid; aging services; and other related programs and services.

The Nebraska Medical Assistance program (Medicaid under Title XIX of the Social Security Act) pays for a wide array of medical care and services to low-income individuals who are elderly or disabled, children and related family members.

*Acute Care Programs Section*

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Medical care and services include: diagnostic and therapeutic services of licensed health care practitioners; inpatient and outpatient hospital care; laboratory and radiological services; prescribed drugs; prosthetic devices; audiology and speech services; family

planning; home health services; hospice services; personal assistance services; school outreach; and Medicaid in public schools. Preventive services are offered through the HealthCheck program for people younger than 21.

In 1998, Nebraska expanded eligibility to 185 percent of poverty for pregnant women and for children 18 and younger under Title XXI of the Social Security Act, also known as the State Children's Health Insurance Program. Services for children under Title XIX and Title XXI are provided in Nebraska's Kids Connection program.

The Medicaid Managed Care program requires certain recipients in Douglas, Sarpy and Lancaster counties to enroll in a health maintenance organization or primary care case management plan for medical and surgical services. These programs cover the medical and surgical services, except pharmacy, dental, personal assistant services and long-term care services. The Medicaid Managed Care program requires certain recipients statewide to enroll for mental health services.

#### *Long-Term Care Program Section*

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This area administers noninstitutional, home-based and community-based services for individuals qualified for federal Medicaid waivers; the aged, adults and children with disabilities; and infants and toddlers with special needs. Medically Handicapped Children area administers three programs to provide services and coordination of care under Title V of the Social Security Act, including diagnostic evaluations with specialty physicians, specialty care for severe chronic congenital conditions for people younger than 21, and the Genetically Handicapped Persons Program for people age 21 and older with sickle cell anemia, cystic fibrosis or hemophilia. The Medically Handicapped Children's Committee (statutory reference: 71-1401) advises the area and any other state entity or employee charged with supervising and administering services to medically handicapped children. Supplemental Security Income-Disabled Children is for children younger than 16 who are eligible for SSI benefits. Disabled Persons and Family Support provides care at home for employed adults with disabilities and relatives who provide care at home for a family member with a disability.

The component includes long-term care services, including nursing facility services, assisted living, adult and child day healthcare, respite care, home health care and other in-home support services. Also included are the Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver, Medicaid Aged and Disabled Waiver, Social Services Block Grant, Respite Subsidy, Adult Family Home program and the Respite Lifespan program. The component also serves as co-lead with the State Department of Education for the Early Intervention Program to deliver services to infants and toddlers through 29 planning regions across the state.

The State Unit on Aging works to promote dignity and opportunity for older Nebraskans by setting policy and promoting education activities in support of programs that advocate for suitable housing, income, choice in living arrangements, transportation and healthcare.

Much of the mission is shared with eight area agencies on aging, which operate separately under agreements with local government officials. Each area agency develops a plan to deliver comprehensive and coordinated services to citizens who are at least 60 years old. Once approved by the state, area agencies receive funding under the Older Americans Act and the Community Aging Services Act.

The State Unit on Aging certifies care management units to determine least restrictive service levels for elderly, frail adults; provides long-term care ombudsman services; and provides a pre-admission screening program, called Senior Care Options, to identify Medicaid-eligible applicants for nursing home placement who can be served by a community-based option.

The Department of Health and Human Services Advisory Committee on Aging (statutory reference: 68-1101) assists the division in its work.

### **Division of Public Health**

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The Division of Public Health administers preventive and community health programs and services, the regulation and licensure of health-related profession, occupations, health care facilities, and health care services.

If the Director of Public Health is licensed to practice medicine and surgery in Nebraska, he or she is also the chief medical officer. If the Director of Public Health is not licensed to practice medicine and surgery in Nebraska, the Governor shall appoint a chief medical officer in addition to the Director. The chief medical officer is the final decision-maker in contested cases of health care facilities and professionals, performs duties under current licensing laws, and other duties as provided by law.

### *Community Health Section*

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This area promotes public health activities that enhance the health of families through education, prevention of disease, reduction of morbidity and mortality and access to appropriate services. This mission is carried out through a wide range of programs and activities.

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program provides education and foods distributed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through eight local agencies statewide to infants and children younger than age 6; women who are pregnant, breastfeeding

and postpartum; and seniors age 60 and older. Immunization provides vaccines, assessment and informational support to immunization clinics and private providers for children from infancy to college freshmen, and provides information about Hepatitis B prevention, adult immunization and travel immunizations. Newborn Screening and Genetics coordinates the screening of all newborns in the state for phenylketonuria (PKU), biotinidase deficiency, congenital primary hypothyroidism, galactosemia, medium chain acyl co-A dehydrogenase deficiency (MCAD) and hemoglobinopathies such as sickle cell anemia. The area funds medically necessary foods for persons with these disorders. This area also coordinates newborn hearing screening, including tracking and referral activities.

Perinatal Child and Adolescent Health promotes school and community health programs, works with consumers and providers on a number of maternal and child health issues and administers the Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies Helpline and the Abstinence Education grant. Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is a preventive nutrition and health program for pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age 5 by providing nutrient-specific foods, nutrition and health education through 14 local agencies that serve more than 100 clinic sites.

The MCH Epidemiology Unit plans and manages data and surveillance projects, including the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) and the Child Death Review Team.

The Nebraska Child Death Review Team grew out of recommendations from a task force of the Nebraska Commission for the Protection of Children. (Statutory Reference: 71-3406) The commission was created by then-Gov. Ben Nelson in July 1991 to assess the status of child protection practices in the state and to develop an implementation plan to improve such practices.

The Child Death Review Task Force was assigned the responsibility of planning for the development of state and local child death review teams in Nebraska. The task force recommended the establishment of a state child death review team to review detailed information on Nebraska child deaths. The result of this recommendation was LB 431, enacted in 1993.

The director of Health and Human Services can appoint eight to 12 members to the Child Death Review Team. The core members are a physician and a child protection specialist in the Department of Health and Human Services, a forensic pathologist, a law enforcement representative and an attorney. Members serve four-year terms, except for the department physician, who is a permanent member and chairperson of the team. The team meets at least four times a year.

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John Clark, Lincoln.....	Education.....	July 1, 2010
Don Kleine, Omaha.....	County Attorney.....	July 1, 2010
Doris Lassiter, Omaha.....	Child Health Consultant.....	July 1, 2010
Howard Needelman, Omaha.....	Neonatologist.....	July 1, 2010
Mary Jo Pankoke, Lincoln.....	Child Welfare Specialist.....	July 1, 2010

Blaine Roffman, Omaha .....	Forensic Pathologist .....	July 1, 2010
Todd Reckling, Lincoln .....	Child Protection Specialist, DHHS.....	July 1, 2010
Jerry Watson, Grand Island .....	Law Enforcement .....	July 1, 2010
Peg Prusa-Ogea, Lincoln .....	HHS.....	July 1, 2010
Joseph Acierno, M.D., Omaha (Chair).....	Deputy Chief Medical Officer, DHHS.....	Nonexpiring

The Office of Women's and Men's Health provides screening, data and public health education specific to the health concerns of women and men. These concerns include colorectal, breast and cervical cancer, weight management, heart disease and other special initiatives.

The Women's Health Initiative (Statutory Reference: 71-701) was established on July 13, 2000 to improve the health of women in Nebraska by fostering the development of a comprehensive system of coordinated services, policy development, advocacy and education.

The Every Woman Matters Program provides women with screening and diagnostic services for breast, cervical and colorectal cancers; prevention and screening for cardiovascular disease and diabetes; and education on arthritis.

Reproductive Health provides education and comprehensive medical reproductive health services to men and women on a sliding fee scale. Medical services include breast and pelvic exams, pap smears, blood pressure, urinalysis, sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment, pregnancy testing, contraceptive methods, follow-up and referral.

The 30-member Women's Health Initiative Advisory Council, appointed by the governor, advises Women's Health in carrying out its duties and solicits funds to support the initiative (Statutory Reference: 71-702). Two state senators serve as ex officio, nonvoting members.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Represents</b>
Teresa Anderson, Hastings.....	Community Public Health, District 3
Dr. Sandra Baumberger, Omaha .....	Pediatrician
Kathleen Brandert, Omaha .....	Consumer
Jacquelyn Brugman, Albion.....	Physician's Assistant
Joni Cover, Lincoln .....	Private Healthcare Industry
Cecelia Creighton, Omaha.....	Additional Member
Raponzil Drake, Fairmont .....	State Health Volunteer Agency
Dr. Catherine Eberle, Omaha .....	Geriatrics Physician
Paula Eurek, Lincoln .....	DHHS Title V Director
Susan Feyen, Omaha .....	Additional Member
Martha Gentry Nielsen, Omaha .....	Consumer
Mary Jo Gillespie, Lincoln .....	Foundation
Rosalee Higgs, Omaha .....	Consumer
Brandi Holys Tumbleson, Omaha.....	Health Educator
Sen. Carol Hudkins, Malcolm .....	Ex Officio
Sen. Joel Johnson, Kearney .....	Ex Officio
Octa Keen, Omaha .....	Additional Member
Dr. Mary Kratoska, Omaha.....	OB/GYN
Jeanne Laible, Atkinson.....	Physician's Assistant
Lina Lander, Omaha .....	Epidemiologist
Cyndi Margritz, Omaha .....	Insurance Industry
Lana Molczyk, Omaha .....	University of Nebraska Medical Center
Donna Narber, Grand Island.....	Consumer

Joan Neuhaus, Omaha.....	Community Public Health, District 2
Michelle Nielson, Omaha .....	Additional Member
Laura Redoutey, Lincoln .....	Additional Member
Dr. Joann Schaefer, Lincoln .....	DHHS Chief Medical Officer
Amy Schuett, Omaha .....	Mental Health Professional
Patricia Sullivan, Springfield .....	Creighton Medical School
Marcia Wallen, Lincoln.....	Community Public Health, District 1

The 1995 Legislature passed LB 68, which created the Every Woman Matters Breast and Cervical Cancer Advisory Committee (Statutory Reference: 71-7012).

The purpose of the committee is to encourage payment of public and private funds into the Breast and Cervical Cancer Cash Fund, to plan and implement outreach and educational programs for Nebraska women, and to research and recommend to DHHS appropriate expenditures from the cash fund.

The committee consists of no more than 24 volunteer members, appointed by the DHHS director, at least eight of whom are women. Members serve two-year terms, which are renewable.

Member	Position	Term Expires
Jennifer Dreibelbis, Omaha.....	Hope Outreach Medical Coalition.....	June 30, 2009
Janice A. Larson, Omaha .....	Retired, cancer survivor.....	June 30, 2010
Rita McClure, Lincoln .....	LPS, cancer survivor.....	June 30, 2009
Joyce Morgan, Lincoln .....	Retired.....	June 30, 2010
Carna Pfeil, Lincoln.....	Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.....	June 30, 2009
Jill Wells, Omaha .....	The Nature Conservancy.....	June 30, 2009

*Health Promotion*

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Health Promotion focuses on specific areas of chronic disease and works to reduce or prevent negative outcomes through public education, surveillance, interventions and prevention activities. The area includes the Tobacco Free Nebraska Program, the Comprehensive Cancer Program, and the Chronic Renal Disease Program, which assists people suffering from chronic renal disease and who are unable to pay for services on a continuing basis. The area also oversees oral health and dentistry, the Nebraska Diabetes Program, the arthritis program, heart disease and stroke prevention, organ and tissue donation, and injury prevention and control.

Infectious Disease includes the Ryan White Program, which helps people with HIV infection to access healthcare and support services, and the human immunodeficiency virus, sexually transmitted diseases, hepatitis and tuberculosis prevention programs.

Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Planning and Support administers the Title V/ MCH Block Grant.

*Community Health Planning and Protection*

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The major functions of this area are to provide technical assistance to local public health departments to assist in the management of the bioterrorism grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and manage state and federal grant programs including the Preventive Health and Human Services Block Grant, the State Planning Grant for the Uninsured, the State Incentive Cooperative Agreement (SICA), the Strategic Prevention Framework – State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG), the State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW) and the Governor's Safe and Drug Free Schools.

Bioterrorism Response coordinates efforts to respond to the threat of bioterrorism and to manage the grant funds provided to Nebraska to prepare the public health and healthcare systems for such terror threats.

Rural Health (Statutory Reference: 71-5647) defines and promotes the development of healthcare systems that assure availability and accessibility of quality healthcare services to meet the needs of Nebraska's rural and urban underserved populations. The area focuses on obtaining high-quality healthcare through recruitment and retention of healthcare professionals, community planning, development of healthcare networks and cooperative ventures, and identifying community leaders and developing leadership skills.

The Rural Health Advisory Commission (statutory reference: 71-5654), staffed by Rural Health, advises DHHS, the Legislature, the governor and the University of Nebraska concerning all aspects of rural health. It also advises Rural Health regarding the administration of the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act.

Minority Health and Health Equity represents and advances the interests of people of color to reduce the disparity between the health status of racial and ethnic minorities and non-minorities in Nebraska. The office focuses on improving minorities' access to health services, improving data collection strategies and expanding community-based health promotion and disease prevention outreach efforts. Two satellite offices are located in Omaha and Lexington.

The Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities (Statutory Reference: Federal Public Law 103-230) develops a statewide plan for persons with developmental disabilities; evaluates quality of services; advocates promoting human and legal rights of persons with developmental disabilities; stimulates service activities in the priority service areas; and evaluates implementation of the state plan.

The EMS/Trauma System area is responsible for surveying and suggesting improvements in the emergency medical services and trauma systems. Training, technical assistance and support are available to first responders and medical providers through the Critical Stress Management program, Emergency Medical Services for Children program and other projects. The area enforces the communicable disease reporting statutes and the EMS and trauma statutes.

*Public Health Support*

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Public Health Support is responsible for Vital Records, which was created in 1905 as a legal depository for the state's vital records. This area officially registers, preserves, indexes and tabulates records of birth, death, marriage and divorce. It also maintains certificates of delayed birth registration and adoptive certificates, and it serves as a resource for information about biological parents and siblings, subject to statutory guidelines on adoption. It serves as a central registry of adoptees' medical histories for whom a relinquishment or consent for adoption was given after Aug. 31, 1998, and serves as the biological father's registry for those wishing to make a paternity claim for newborns. Vital Records also works with law enforcement agencies under the state's Missing Children Act. From these vital records, statistical reports are developed and made available for the public and for various health planning and assessment purposes.

This area also maintains several surveillance registries for selected diseases or conditions such as cancer, head and spinal cord injuries, and birth defects. Health Data Management also collects data about patient encounters and rescue calls from Emergency Medical Service Units and utilization and patient characteristics data from hospitals and nursing homes. The area has a trauma registry. The area also conducts surveys to gather information on the health behaviors of Nebraska adults. The surveys examine risky behaviors such as smoking, not wearing seatbelts, sedentary lifestyle and binge drinking, as well as preventive behaviors such as exercise, dieting and screening for breast, colon and prostate cancers.

Information within the vital statistics and registry databases is confidential, and the release of such information is restricted (statutory references: 71-602, 71-612 and 81-663 to 81-675). Data from the health databases are used to provide aggregate health statistics and survey information about attitudes and behaviors to approved researchers; federal, state and local health agencies; policymakers; and the public.

Epidemiological health surveillance programs focus on enhancing Nebraskans' health by evaluating, assessing and controlling environmental and consumer risks.

The area conducts surveillance of infectious diseases, vector-borne diseases, environmental health conditions, preparedness, substance abuse, and maternal and child health to determine incidence rates, identify high-risk groups and examine other indicators that help the section develop appropriate interventions. Epidemiologists investigate communicable disease outbreaks, such as food-borne diseases, and disease clusters to halt and confine the spread of diseases. The area also conducts evaluations of injuries, especially those resulting from motor vehicle crashes, emerging infectious diseases, the Medicaid population and chronic diseases such as asthma.

The Geographic Information System area uses geographic data for capturing, managing, analyzing and displaying information and data related to DHHS programs and services.



### Health Licensing, Credentialing and Regulations

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#### *Environmental Health*

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Environmental Health licenses and monitors public water systems, water well standards and provides engineering support for programs. The Advisory Council on Public Water Supply and the Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board assist and oversee the section's work.

The Laboratory is certified by the Environmental Protection Agency to analyze drinking water samples. The purpose of the laboratory is to provide support and a diverse selection of testing options to various state agencies, public subdivisions and Nebraska residents. Drinking water testing provides public water systems as well as residents with a method to monitor their water supplies to ensure they meet the requirements of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act. The laboratory also tests environmental and air samples using EPA-approved methods. The laboratory provides blood alcohol testing for state, county and local law enforcement agencies in Nebraska. Public Health Laboratory services are provided under contract with the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

The Office of Radiological Health carries out programs that provide public health information to prevent exposure to radon and asbestos. The section also oversees programs that address indoor air quality and risk assessment. Environmental Programs also enforces the Nebraska Asbestos Control Act, the Nebraska Radiation Control Act (radon), the Lead Certification Act and the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act.

#### *Investigations*

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This area's activities include:

- investigations of licensed, registered or certified health care professionals and professionals in health care-related fields; unlicensed health care practice; prelicensure investigations; and compliance with provisions of the Uniform Licensing Law, rules and regulations governing professional practice, and the Uniform Controlled Substances Act
- investigations of recipient fraud in Medicaid, energy assistance, Assistance to the Aged, Blind and Disabled (AABD), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Social Service Block Grants (Title XX) and the food stamp programs
- assessment of the accuracy of Medicaid and food stamp eligibility
- assessment of the accuracy and timeliness of processing of child support determinations

*Health Licensing and Facilities Regulations*

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This area is responsible for assuring the public that health-related practices provided by individuals, facilities and programs are safe, or of acceptable quality, and for enforcing a moratorium on the number of nursing home and rehabilitation hospital beds. This responsibility is accomplished through the following activities:

- licensing, certifying or registering individuals to provide healthcare services or services that may relate to or affect health
- inspecting or surveying healthcare facilities and services and childcare facilities
- reviewing capital expansions posed for nursing homes and rehabilitation hospitals and proposals for the sale of hospitals by not-for-profit owners to for-profit owners

Credentialing works with various professional licensing boards in administering the licensing and regulation of health and health-related professions and occupations.

This Division licenses health care facilities and services as provided by the Health Care Facility Licensure Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-401 to 71-459). This includes ambulatory surgical centers, assisted-living facilities, centers for the developmentally disabled, critical access hospitals, general acute hospitals, health clinics, intermediate care facilities, intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded, long-term care hospital, mental health centers, nursing facilities, pharmacies, psychiatric hospitals, public health clinics, rehabilitation hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, substance abuse treatment centers, adult day services, home health agencies, hospices, and respite care services.

These licensed entities are not included here, as the list changes on a continual basis. Information on these facilities is available on the following Web site: [www.hhss.ne.gov/lis/lisindex.htm](http://www.hhss.ne.gov/lis/lisindex.htm)

Hard copies of the health care facilities and services also may be obtained by calling (402) 471-2115.

Credentialing Subcommittees and Advisory Councils include:

- Physician Assistant Committee (statutory reference: 71-1,107.25), a subcommittee of the Board of Examiners in Medicine and Surgery
- Public Health Clinic Formulary Advisory Committee (statutory reference: 71-1,147.59), a subcommittee to the Board of Examiners of Pharmacy
- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Advisory Council (statutory reference: 71-1736), an advisory council to the Board of Nursing and the Board of Medicine and Surgery

The Nursing Home Advisory Council (statutory reference: 71-6044) advises and assists the department in carrying out the administration of the Health Care Facility Licensure Act and helps the department administer laws, rules and standards relating to nursing homes.

*Professions and Occupations Licensed, Certified and/or Registered*

## Medical and Specialized Health Section

**Dentistry:**

- Dentist
- Dental Anesthesia Permit
- Dental Faculty License
- Dental Hygienist
- Local Anesthesia Certification
- Locum Tenens

**Medicine & Surgery:**

- Acupuncturist
- Locum Tenens
- Osteopathic Medicine & Surgery
- Osteopathic Physician
- Perfusionist
- Physician
- Physician Assistant
- Physician Assistant Supervisor
- Temporary Educational Permit
- Temporary Physician Assistant
- Temporary Visiting Faculty Permit

**Optometry:**

- Optometrist

**Pharmacy:**

- Pharmacist
- Pharmacy Intern
- Dispensing Practitioner
- Temporary Educational Permit

**Podiatry:**

- Podiatrist

**Radiography:**

- Limited Radiographer
- Medical Radiographer
- Podiatric Limited Radiographer
- Provisional Limited Radiographer
- Temporary Medical Radiographer

**Veterinary Medicine & Surgery:**

- Veterinarian
- Veterinary Technician

## Nursing and Nursing Support Section

**Nursing:**

- Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
- Certified Nurse Midwife
- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
- Licensed Practical Nurse/Registered Nurse
- Licensed Practical Nurse-Certified

**Nursing Support:**

- Medication Aide
- Nurse Aide

*Professions and Occupations Licensed, Certified and/ or Registered (Cont'd.)***Mental Health and Consumer Services Section****Alcohol and Drug Counseling:**

Alcohol and Drug Counselor  
Provisional Alcohol and Drug Counselor

**Alcohol Breath/Blood Testing Permits****Body Art:**

Body Brander  
Body Piercer  
Permanent Color Technician  
Tattoo Artist

**Cosmetology:**

Apprentice  
Cosmetician  
Cosmetologist  
Cosmetology Instructor  
Guest Artist  
Student Cosmetologist  
Student Instructor  
Temporary Practitioner

**Drug and Alcohol Counselors****Electrology:**

Electrologist  
Student Electrologist  
Electrology Instructor

**Esthetician:**

Esthetician  
Esthetics Instructor  
Student Esthetician  
Student Instructor

**Funeral Directing & Embalming:**

Funeral Director/Embalmer  
Apprentice Funeral Director/Embalmer

**Massage Therapy:**

Massage Therapist  
Temporary Massage Therapist

**Medical Nutrition Therapist:**

Medical Nutrition Therapist

**Mental Health Practice:**

Marriage & Family Therapist  
Master Social Work  
Mental Health Practitioner  
Professional Counselor  
Provisionally Certified Master Social Worker  
Provisionally Licensed Mental Health  
Practitioner

**Nail Technology:**

Nail Technician  
Nail Technology Instructor  
Temporary Practitioner

**Nursing Home Administration:**

Administrator-in-Training/Mentoring  
Program  
Nursing Home Administrator  
Preceptor  
Provisional Nursing Home Administrator

**Psychology:**

30-day Permit  
Provisionally Licensed Psychologist  
Psychological Assistant/Psychologist  
Associate  
Psychologist  
Temporary Psychologist

**Social Work:**

Certified Social Worker  
Certified Master Social Worker  
Provisionally Certified Master Social Worker

*Professions and Occupations Licensed, Certified and/ or Registered (Cont'd.)*

## Rehabilitation and Community Services Section

**Asbestos:**

- Inspector
- Management Planner
- Project Designer
- Supervisor
- Worker
- Limited Management Planner
- Limited Project Designer

**Athletic Training:**

- Athletic Trainer

**Audiology/Speech-Language Pathology:**

- Audiologist
- Communication Assistant
- Speech-Language Pathologist

**Chiropractic:**

- Chiropractor

**Emergency Medical Care Workers:**

- Certified Emergency Medical Technician
- Emergency Medical Technician Instructor
- Emergency Medical Technician - Intermediate
- Certified First Responder
- Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic

**Environmental Health Specialist:**

- Environmental Health Specialist

**Hearing Aid Instrument Dispensing and Fitting:**

- Hearing Aid Instrument Dispenser and Fitter

**Lead:**

- Worker
- Inspector
- Risk Assessor
- Project Designer
- Supervisor
- Visual Lead Hazard Advisor
- Elevated Blood Lead Level Investigator

**Occupational Therapy:**

- Occupational Therapist
- Occupational Therapist Assistant

**Physical Therapy:**

- Physical Therapist
- Physical Therapy Assistant
- Physical Therapy Supervisors

**Radon:**

- Radon Measurement Specialist
- Radon Measurement Technician
- Radon Mitigation Specialist
- Radon Mitigation Technician

**Respiratory Care:**

- Respiratory Care Practitioner

**Swimming Pool Operator****Water Operator:**

- Grades 1-4
- Grade 5
- Grade 6

**Well Drillers:**

- Natural Resource Ground Water Technician
- Well Drilling Contractor
- Pump Installation Contractor
- Well Drilling/Pump Installation Contractor
- Well Drilling Supervisor
- Pump Installation Supervisor
- Well Drilling/Pump Installation Supervisor
- Water Well Monitoring Supervisor
- Well Drilling Contractor/Water Well Monitor Supervisor
- Well Drilling Supervisor/Water Well Monitor Supervisor

*Professions and Occupations Licensed, Certified and/ or Registered (Cont'd.)***Credentialed Facilities, Services and Programs****Adult Day Services****Assisted Living Facilities****Body Art:**

Body Art Facility

**Child Care Facilities:**

Family Home I's

Family Home II's

Child Care Centers

Preschools

**Community Mental Health Centers****Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility****Cosmetology Establishments:**

Apprentice Training Salons

Cosmetology Salons

Cosmetology Schools

Home Services

Satellite Classrooms

**Developmental Disabilities:**

Centers for Developmental Disabilities

Home and Community-Based Waiver for Developmentally Disabled

Developmentally Disabled Waivered Providers

**Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded****Electrology Facilities:**

Electrology Schools

**Emergency Medical Services:**

EMT Training Agencies

Basic Life Support Service

Advanced Life Support Service

**End Stage Renal Disease Services****Esthetician Establishments:**

Esthetic Salons

School of Esthetics

**Federally Qualified Health Centers****Funeral Establishments:**

Funeral Establishment

Branch Establishments

Crematories

**Health Clinics:**

Abortion Clinics

Ambulatory Surgical Centers

Public Health Clinics

**Home Health Agencies****Hospices****Hospitals:**

Critical Access

General Acute

Long-Term Care

Psychiatric

Rehabilitation

**Laboratories****Massage Therapy Establishments:**

Massage Therapy Establishments

Massage Therapy Schools

**Mental Health Centers:**

In-Patient

**Nail Technology Establishments:**

Nail Technology Salons

Nail Technology Schools

**Nursing Homes****Organ Procurement Organization****Pharmacy Facilities:**

Community Pharmacies

Mail-Order Ophthalmic Providers

Mail Service Pharmacy Permit

Public Health Clinic — Drug Dispensing

Wholesale Drug Distributor

**Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities****Rehabilitation Agencies:**

Certified Occupational Rehabilitation Facilities

Out-Patient Physical Therapy

Speech Therapy

Occupational Therapy

**Respite Care Services****Rural Health Clinics****Substance Abuse Treatment Centers:**

In-Patient

Out-Patient

**X-ray Units - Portable**

*Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses***Statutory Reference: 71-1718.01**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
George M. Adam, Hastings.....	Physician.....	Dec. 1, 2010
Brenda Kay Bergman-Evans, Omaha.....	Nurse Practitioner.....	Dec. 1, 2009
Terry P. Gee, Lincoln.....	Physician.....	Dec. 1, 2012
Stephen B. Jackson, Omaha.....	Public Member.....	Dec. 1, 2010
Anita C. Jaynes, Omaha.....	Midwife.....	Dec. 1, 2012
Michelle S. Knolla, Omaha.....	Physician.....	Dec. 1, 2011
Ruth Van Gerpen, Waverly.....	Clinical Nurse Specialist.....	Dec. 1, 2010
Bryan Joshua White, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Dec. 1, 2011
Steven R. Wooden, Albion.....	Anesthetist.....	Dec. 1, 2011

*Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling***Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Fernando Barranco, Lexington.....	Alcohol and Drug Counselor.....	April 1, 2009
Jerome R. Barry, Lincoln.....	Alcohol and Drug Counselor.....	April 1, 2011
Susan J. Boust, Omaha.....	Psychiatrist.....	April 1, 2013
Jason C. Conrad, Lincoln.....	Alcohol and Drug Counselor.....	April 1, 2010
Chrisella C. Lewis, Hastings.....	Public Member.....	April 1, 2009
William O. Mulligan, Valentine.....	Public Member.....	April 1, 2010
Alfredo Ramirez, Norfolk.....	Alcohol and Drug Counselor.....	April 1, 2012
Kathryn E. Schinker, Omaha.....	Alcohol and Drug Counselor.....	April 1, 2012
Marlene A. Schneider, Omaha.....	Alcohol and Drug Counselor.....	April 1, 2013

*Board of Athletic Training***Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Kurt R. Behrhorst, Lincoln.....	Athletic Trainer.....	Nov. 30, 2011
Jay B. Carlson, Omaha.....	Athletic Trainer.....	Nov. 30, 2009
Chad M. Kinart, Omaha.....	Athletic Trainer.....	Nov. 30, 2010
Melvin H. Luetchens, Murdock.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2011

*Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology***Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Kathryn Laudin Beauchaine, Omaha.....	Audiologist.....	Nov. 30, 2010
Ron Busch, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2009
Jody L.P. Spalding, Lincoln.....	Audiologist.....	Nov. 30, 2009
Jane Stokebrand, DeWitt.....	Speech-Language Pathologist.....	Nov. 30, 2010
Kenya S. Taylor, Kearney.....	Speech-Language Pathologist.....	Nov. 30, 2009

*Board of Chiropractic***Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Kevin W. Davis, Norfolk.....	Chiropractor.....	Nov. 30, 2009
Lance E. Earhart, Holdrege.....	Chiropractor.....	Nov. 30, 2010
Gaylord H. Hanssen, Grand Island.....	Chiropractor.....	Nov. 30, 2011
Laura Ann Scholl, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2009

*Board of Cosmetology***Statutory Reference: 71-373**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Virginia Davidsaver, Omaha .....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2010
Lyra J. Faltys, Howells.....	Cosmetologist .....	Nov. 30, 2013
Catherine D. Fletcher, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2012
Cynthia S. Kaup, Oxford .....	Cosmetologist .....	Nov. 30, 2012
Ruth J. Lucas, McCook.....	School Owner .....	Nov. 30, 2011
Marie Frances Nordboe, Ames.....	Cosmetologist/Salon Owner.....	Nov. 30, 2010
Pamela A. Rowland, Omaha.....	Nail Technician .....	Nov. 30, 2009
Sherri A. Scheele, Omaha .....	Esthetician .....	Nov. 30, 2012
N. Karen Stroman, Lincoln.....	School Owner .....	Nov. 30, 2010
Monty Lue Vogel, Omaha .....	Body Art Practitioner .....	Nov. 30, 2010
Amy J. Waskel, Omaha .....	Licensed Instructor.....	Nov. 30, 2009
Judy R. Wilson, Lincoln .....	Electrologist .....	Nov. 30, 2009

*Board of Dentistry***Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
John P. Ahlschwede, Central City .....	Dentist.....	Nov. 30, 2011
Robert Mark Hinrichs, Lincoln.....	Dentist.....	Nov. 30, 2010
Sam F. Jacoby, Bridgeport.....	Dentist.....	Nov. 30, 2009
Judith L. Kissell, Omaha.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2009
Jane I. Lott, York.....	Dental Hygienist.....	Nov. 30, 2009
Julie A. Marshall, Lincoln.....	Dental School Faculty.....	Nov. 30, 2010
David R. Mlnarik, Omaha.....	Dentist.....	Nov. 30, 2009
Doris M. Schrader, York.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2009
Jane F. Stratman, Geneva.....	Dental Hygienist.....	Nov. 30, 2009
Terrence M. Wilwerding, Omaha .....	Dental School Faculty.....	Nov. 30, 2011

*Board of Emergency Medical Services***Statutory Reference: 71-5176**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Shawn J. Baumgartner, Gering.....	Approved Training Agency Representative.....	Dec. 1, 2012
Michael Buscher, Plattsmouth.....	Member At Large.....	Dec. 1, 2012
Joel E. Cerny, Schuyler.....	First Responder .....	Dec. 1, 2011
Robert A. Dunn, Lincoln.....	Consumer.....	Dec. 1, 2012
Ann F. Fiala, Ainsworth .....	Emergency Medical Technician.....	Dec. 1, 2012
Donald Harmon, Beatrice .....	Physician Assistant.....	Dec. 1, 2013
Theresa Hatcher, Bellevue.....	Board-Certified Emergency Physician .....	Dec. 1, 2012
Judith Henning, Crete.....	Consumer.....	Dec. 1, 2013
Troy Hiemer, Columbus .....	Emergency Medical Technician.....	Dec. 1, 2013
Timothy Hoffman, Kearney.....	EMT-Paramedic .....	Dec. 1, 2013
Linda Lee Jensen, Omaha.....	Registered Nurse.....	Dec. 1, 2011
Robert K. Olson, Papillion.....	Member At Large.....	Dec. 1, 2011
James E. Smith, North Platte .....	Board-Certified Emergency Physician .....	Dec. 1, 2011
Jeffrey G. Strawn, Papillion.....	Emergency Medical Technician.....	Dec. 1, 2011
George Tom Surber, Norfolk.....	Physician.....	Dec. 1, 2013
Scott C. Wiebe, Lincoln .....	Emergency Medical Technician.....	Dec. 1, 2011
Vacant .....	First Responder .....	Dec. 1, 2012



*Board of Examiners in Nursing Home Administration***Statutory Reference: 71-3705.01**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Susan C. Bamesberger, Hampton.....	Registered Nurse.....	Nov. 30, 2013
Heath G. Boddy, Adams .....	Nonprofit Home.....	Nov. 30, 2010
Sharon K. Colling, Tecumseh, .....	Proprietary Home.....	Nov. 30, 2010
Keith E. Fickenscher, Lincoln.....	Nonprofit Home.....	Nov. 30, 2009
Steven G. Higgins, Lincoln.....	Licensed Physician.....	Nov. 30, 2008
Rose S. Hunte-Roberson, Omaha .....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2010
Theresa Parker, Lincoln .....	College Faculty .....	Nov. 30, 2009
C. Dean Schmid, Albion .....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2008
Shari L. Terry, Omaha.....	Proprietary Home.....	Nov. 30, 2009
Prem Bansal, Lincoln.....	Health and Human Services .....	Nonexpiring

*Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming***Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Randal Ray Bangert, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2010
Paul R. Farmer, Geneva .....	Funeral Director/Embalmer .....	Nov. 30, 2011
Terrence G. Kucera, Omaha .....	Funeral Director/Embalmer .....	Nov. 30, 2009
William Lauber, Milford.....	Funeral Director/Embalmer .....	Nov. 30, 2010

*Board of Hearing Aid Instrument Dispensers and Fitters***Statutory Reference: 71-4715**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Stephen J. Boney, Lincoln .....	Hearing Aid Dispenser and Fitter.....	Nov. 30, 2013
Margaret A. Coleman, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Dec. 25, 2010
Kimberly A. Joyce, Omaha .....	Audiologist.....	Nov. 30, 2013
Evelyn McKnight, Fremont .....	Hearing Aid Dispenser and Fitter.....	Dec. 25, 2011
Alan J. Nissen, Lincoln.....	Otolaryngologist.....	Dec. 25, 2011
Sammy L. White, North Platte.....	Hearing Aid Dispenser and Fitter.....	Dec. 25, 2009

*Board of Massage Therapy***Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Kimberly Adams Johnson, Lincoln.....	Massage Therapist .....	Nov. 30, 2013
Keli A. Hupka, Lincoln.....	Massage Therapist .....	Nov. 30, 2011
Gail M. Lorenzen, Ceresco.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2013
Edward E. Orcutt, Omaha .....	Massage Therapist .....	Nov. 30, 2010

*Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy***Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Pat Ann Bartels, North Platte .....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2010
Whitney Sears Goldner, Omaha .....	Physician.....	Nov. 30, 2013
George W. Howard, Hastings.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2009
Elizabeth A. Kenyon, Mitchell.....	Medical Nutrition Therapist .....	Nov. 30, 2009
Karen S. Miller, Lincoln .....	Medical Nutrition Therapist .....	Nov. 30, 2010

*Board of Medicine and Surgery***Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Larry E. Bragg, Kearney .....	Physician .....	Nov. 30, 2009
David A. Dryburgh, Seward .....	Public Member .....	Nov. 30, 2009
Merle J. Henkenius, Lincoln .....	Public Member .....	Nov. 30, 2009
Karen M. Higgins, Grand Island .....	Physician .....	Nov. 30, 2012
Vonn E. Roberts, Lincoln .....	Physician .....	Nov. 30, 2010
Judith A. Scott, Omaha .....	Osteopathic Physician .....	Nov. 30, 2013
Michael A. Sitorius, Omaha .....	Medical School Faculty .....	Nov. 30, 2011
Carl V. Smith, Omaha .....	Medical School Faculty .....	Nov. 30, 2013

*Board of Mental Health Practice***Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
John W. Danforth, Boys Town .....	Certified Marriage and Family Therapist .....	Nov. 30, 2009
Janice Whalen Fitts, Gering .....	Master Social Worker .....	Nov. 30, 2010
Vickie Frizzell-Pratt, Lincoln .....	Licensed Mental Health Practitioner .....	Nov. 30, 2010
William D. Gaughan, Omaha .....	Public Member .....	Nov. 30, 2013
Michael F. Kinney, Omaha .....	Public Member .....	Nov. 30, 2009
Susan D. Meyerle, Lincoln .....	Licensed Mental Health Practitioner .....	Nov. 30, 2010
Layne A. Prest, Omaha .....	Certified Marriage and Family Therapist .....	Nov. 30, 2008
Amanda D. Randall, Omaha .....	Certified Master Social Worker .....	Nov. 30, 2011
Sarita L. Ruma, Omaha .....	Certified Professional Counselor .....	Nov. 30, 2011
Shari L. Schnuelle, Grand Island .....	Certified Professional Counselor .....	Nov. 30, 2013

*Board of Nursing***Statutory Reference: 71-1,132.07**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Mary A. Bunger, Minden .....	Staff Nurse .....	Dec. 1, 2010
Marcella Echternacht, Omaha .....	Associate Degree or Diploma Nurse Educator .....	Dec. 1, 2009
Dawn L. Frizell, Fremont .....	Practical Nurse .....	Dec. 1, 2010
Nancy S. Gondringer, Lincoln .....	Registered Nurse Advanced Practice .....	Dec. 1, 2011
Crystal R. Higgins, Beatrice .....	Practical Nurse Educator .....	Dec. 1, 2009
Susan E. James, Kearney .....	Practical Nurse .....	Nov. 30, 2013
Pamela J. Johnson-Carlson, Omaha .....	Nursing Service Administrator .....	Dec. 1, 2011
Anthony A. LaRiche, Jr., Lincoln .....	Public Member .....	Nov. 30, 2013
Mary Alice Erickson Megel, Omaha .....	Baccalaureate Nurse Educator .....	Dec. 1, 2010
Donald B. Osentowski, York .....	Consumer .....	Dec. 1, 2011
Lori Jane Smith, Mitchell .....	Nursing Service Administrator .....	Nov. 30, 2013
Kathryn D. Yost, Gering .....	Staff Nurse .....	Dec. 1, 2009

*Board of Occupational Therapy Practice***Statutory Reference: 71-6115**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
R. McLaran Sawyer, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2010
Linda M. Storz, Lincoln.....	Occupational Therapist.....	Nov. 30, 2013
Mary M. Walsh-Sterup, Grand Island.....	Occupational Therapist.....	Nov. 30, 2011
Stacy M. Yagow, Norfolk.....	Occupational Therapist.....	Nov. 30, 2012

*Board of Optometry***Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Kim Ashbrook Baxter, North Platte.....	Optometrist.....	Nov. 30, 2011
Shelley J. Fastenau, Bertrand.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2009
David M. Kincaid, South Sioux City.....	Optometrist.....	Nov. 30, 2010
James K. Kirchner, Lincoln.....	Optometrist.....	Nov. 30, 2009

*Board of Pharmacy***Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Kevin Borchert, Omaha.....	Hospital Pharmacist.....	Nov. 30, 2013
Roger F. Kaczmarek, Omaha.....	Pharmacist.....	Nov. 30, 2009
Robert Paul Marshall, Norfolk.....	Pharmacist.....	Nov. 30, 2011
Thomas Richard Walsh, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2011
Richard P. Zarek, Gothenburg.....	Pharmacist.....	Nov. 30, 2010

*Board of Physical Therapy***Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Kent A. Dunovan, Scottsbluff.....	Physical Therapist.....	Nov. 30, 2010
Raymond E. Frew, Weeping Water.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2009
Natalie S. Harms, Papillion.....	Physical Therapist.....	Nov. 30, 2011
Wayne A. Stuberg, Omaha.....	Physical Therapist.....	Nov. 30, 2009

*Board of Podiatry***Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Beverly A. Bornschlegel, York.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2009
Charles M. Halverson, Fremont.....	Podiatrist.....	Nov. 30, 2010
Scott C. Nelson, Omaha.....	Podiatrist.....	Nov. 30, 2011
Richard J. Raska, North Platte.....	Podiatrist.....	Nov. 30, 2009

*Board of Psychology***Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
David S. Carver, Omaha.....	Psychologist.....	Nov. 30, 2011
John Joseph Curran, Norfolk.....	Psychologist.....	Nov. 30, 2010
Ann I. Heermann, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2009
Christy A. Rentmeester, Omaha.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2009
Jerry A. Van Winkle, Kearney.....	Psychologist.....	Nov. 30, 2013
Lori L. Wall, Lincoln.....	Psychologist.....	Nov. 30, 2009
Mark E. Weilage, Lincoln.....	Psychologist.....	Nov. 30, 2012

*Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists***Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Douglas A. Clark, Omaha.....	Environmental Health Specialist.....	Nov. 30, 2013
Michael S. Gould, North Platte.....	Environmental Health Specialist.....	Dec. 31, 2009
George H. Hanssen, Lincoln .....	Environmental Health Specialist.....	Nov. 30, 2013
Scott E. Holmes, Lincoln.....	Environmental Health Specialist.....	Nov. 30, 2013
Joyce L. Jensen, Lincoln.....	Environmental Health Specialist.....	Nov. 30, 2013
Leslie O. Olson, York.....	Public Member.....	Dec. 31, 2009

*Board of Respiratory Care Practice***Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Frank M. Freihaut, Omaha.....	Respiratory Care Practitioner.....	Nov. 30, 2010
John Andrew Jarosz, Omaha.....	Respiratory Care Practitioner.....	Nov. 30, 2011
Lon W. Keim, Omaha.....	Physician.....	Nov. 30, 2009
Kay L. Lavene, Bertrand.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2011

*Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery***Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Don V. Cain, Jr., Broken Bow.....	Veterinarian.....	Nov. 30, 2011
Andrew L. Kliever, Bellevue.....	Veterinarian.....	Nov. 30, 2009
Nanci Ann Kyhn, Lincoln.....	Veterinary Technician.....	Nov. 30, 2011
Gail L. Miller, York.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2009
David M. Ylander, Alliance.....	Veterinarian.....	Nov. 30, 2010

*Medical Radiographer Advisory Committee***Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Denise E. Logan, Lincoln.....	Radiographer.....	Sept. 25, 2009
Michael Shane McFeely, Scottsbluff.....	Radiographer.....	Sept. 25, 2009
James B. Temme, Omaha.....	Radiographer.....	Sept. 25, 2011
Peggy L. Young, Grand Island.....	Radiographer.....	Sept. 25, 2011
Helen L. Meeks, Lincoln.....	Credentialing Administrator.....	Nonexpiring

*Nebraska Center for Nursing Board***Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Florence M. Brown, Omaha.....	Governor's Designee.....	June 21, 2010
Lela M. Cornelius Claussen, Kearney.....	Governor's Designee.....	June 21, 2010
Linda Dulitz, Ord.....	Licensed Practical Nurse.....	July 1, 2010
Nolan C. Gurnsey, Bassett.....	Governors' Designee.....	July 1, 2010
Sharon Kay Hayek, Hastings.....	State Board of Health Designee.....	June 21, 2009
Diane L. Hoffmann, North Platte.....	Nurse Educator.....	July 1, 2010
Pamela H. List, Beemer.....	State Board of Health Designee.....	June 21, 2009
Patricia Lopez, Lincoln.....	Registered Nurse.....	June 21, 2010
Judith A. McGee, Fairbury.....	State Board of Health Designee.....	June 21, 2009
Steven R. Pitkin, Kearney.....	Board of Regents Designee.....	June 21, 2009
Brendon A. Polt, Lincoln.....	Long-Term Care Industry.....	June 21, 2010
Larry Rennecker, Lincoln.....	Governor's Designee.....	July 1, 2010
Terrie Spohn, Firth.....	Registered Nurse.....	June 21, 2010

Marilyn J. Valerio, Omaha .....	Nurse Educator .....	June 21, 2010
Carol Ritscher Wahl, Kearny .....	Hospital Industry .....	July 1, 2010
Marcy J. Wendl, Omaha .....	Registered Nurse .....	July 1, 2010

*Nursing Home Advisory Council*

**Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Vicki L. Adolf, Papillion .....	Registered Nurse .....	Aug 1, 2009
Bill Bidrowski, Omaha .....	Public Member .....	Aug 1, 2009
Kelli L. Coover, Omaha .....	Pharmacist .....	Aug 1, 2009
Edward Finan, Omaha .....	Public Member .....	Aug 1, 2011
Steven C. Freese, Norfolk .....	Nursing Home Administrator .....	Aug 1, 2009
Pamela Griffin, North Bend .....	Nursing Home Administrator .....	Aug 1, 2011
Kimberly S. Johansen, Hastings .....	Nursing Home Administrator .....	Aug 1, 2011
Thomas Magnuson, Omaha .....	Physician and Surgeon .....	Aug 1, 2010
Patricia A. Moeller, Pierce .....	State or Local Government .....	Aug 1, 2010
Raymond L. Norris, Osceola .....	Public Member .....	Aug 1, 2010
Jama L. Obermiller, Grand Island .....	Dentist .....	Aug 1, 2010
Karen R. Page, Adams .....	Public Member .....	Aug 1, 2010
Tom Ryan, Lincoln .....	Health and Human Services .....	Jan. 1, 2011
Robert Semerena, Lincoln .....	Health and Human Services .....	Jan. 1, 2011
Blaine Shaffer, Lincoln .....	Health and Human Services .....	Jan. 1, 2011
John Turner, Papillion .....	Nursing Home Administrator .....	Aug 1, 2011

*Physician Assistant Committee*

**Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
John W. Davies, Pilger .....	Physician Assistant .....	April 16, 2011
Gerald W. Luckey, David City .....	Supervising Physician .....	April 16, 2009
Carl A. Rossitto, Omaha .....	Public Member .....	April 16, 2009
Charles E. Scholtes, Lincoln .....	Physician Assistant .....	April 16, 2009
Michael A. Sitorius, Omaha .....	Medical Board Member .....	April 16, 2011

*Perfusionist Committee*

**Statutory Reference: 38-2712**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
John T. Batter, Omaha .....	Physician .....	Nov. 30, 2011
Joseph J. Deptula, Elkhorn .....	Perfusionist .....	Nov. 30, 2010
Benjamin L. Greenfield, Hickman .....	Perfusionist .....	Nov. 30, 2012

*Public Health Clinic Formulary Advisory Committee*

**Statutory Reference: 71-112**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Heather M. Elton, Columbus .....	Public Health Clinic .....	Oct. 21, 2010
Celestina Y. Horst, Hastings .....	Public Health Clinic .....	Oct. 21, 2010
Brenda D. Kiolbasa, Grant .....	Pharmacy Board Designee .....	Oct. 21, 2010
Philip Medina, Lincoln .....	Health and Human Services .....	Oct. 21, 2010
Marcia J. Muetting, Lincoln .....	Pharmacy Board Designee .....	Oct. 21, 2010
Linda K. Ohri, Omaha .....	Pharmacist .....	Oct. 21, 2010
Amy L. Renard, Lincoln .....	Pharmacist .....	Oct. 21, 2010
Julie Reno, Lincoln .....	Health and Human Services .....	Oct. 21, 2010

*State Board of Health***Statutory Reference:** 71-2601

The State Board of Health, created by the Legislature in 1891, appoints members to 24 healthcare professional licensing boards and actively recruits applicants. The board reviews initial credentialing and scope of practice changes of health professionals prior to final consideration by the Legislature, which is known as the 407 Process Credentialing Review. They also review rules and regulations.

The State Board of Health views public health as a major initiative and has a recognition program for community preventive health efforts. The board continues to research other issues including alcohol and tobacco use and cessation, indoor air quality, youth violence, obesity, school bus seatbelt use and mental health services.

The board prepares an annual report to the governor, which is also available to senators on the Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee, DHHS, the 24 healthcare professional boards, major healthcare professional associations and other interested parties. The board has representatives assigned to the Nebraska Center for Nursing Board, the implementation committee for the Nebraska Credentialing Reform 2000 and Credentialing Review Technical Review Committees.

The board's four standing committees are: Rules and Regulations, Credentialing Review, Professional Boards and Public Health, Education and Legislation. The board holds one of its regular public meetings in a location other than Lincoln and conducts separate meetings to interview professional board applicants and address legislative issues.

The board's 17 members are appointed by the governor, with approval from the Legislature, to five-year terms. Members include two medical doctors, two nurses, a hospital administrator, a dentist, a veterinarian, a professional engineer, a pharmacist, an optometrist, a podiatrist, an osteopath or osteopathic surgeon, a chiropractor, a physical therapist, a mental health professional and two people representing the public. The governor serves as an ex officio member, with voting power only in case of tie. The board elects officers annually.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Eric Berggren, Omaha .....	Professional Engineer .....	Aug. 1, 2013
Daniel Bizzell, Kearney .....	Clinical Psychologist .....	Aug. 1, 2013
Janet Coleman, Lincoln .....	Public Member .....	Aug. 1, 2010
Edward Discoe, Columbus .....	Medical Doctor .....	Aug. 1, 2009
Theodore Evans, Jr., Tecumseh .....	Veterinarian .....	Aug. 1, 2013
Linda Heiden, Bertrand .....	Public Member .....	Aug. 1, 2010
Russell Hopp, Omaha .....	Medical Doctor .....	Aug. 1, 2009
Kenneth Kester, Lincoln .....	Pharmacist .....	Aug. 1, 2009
Linda Lazure, Omaha .....	Nurse .....	Aug. 1, 2009
Pamela List, Beemer .....	Nurse .....	Aug. 1, 2010
Dale Michels, Lincoln .....	Medical Doctor .....	Aug. 1, 2010
Roger Reamer, Seward .....	Hospital Administrator .....	Aug. 1, 2010
Paul Salansky, Nebraska City .....	Optometrist .....	Aug. 1, 2013
Robert Sandstrom, Omaha .....	Physical Therapist .....	Aug. 1, 2010
John Tennity, Lincoln .....	Podiatrist .....	Aug. 1, 2013
Gary Westerman, Omaha .....	Dentist .....	Aug. 1, 2009

Daryl Wills, Gering .....	Chiropractor .....	Aug. 1, 2010
Gov. David Heineman, Lincoln .....	Governor .....	Ex Officio

### **Division of Veterans' Homes**

**Contact Person:** John Hilgert, Division Director, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509, e-mail address [john.hilgert@dhhs.ne.gov](mailto:john.hilgert@dhhs.ne.gov)

The Division of Veterans' Homes administers the State's four Veterans' Homes in Bellevue, Grand Island, Norfolk, and Scottsbluff.

**Grand Island Veterans' Home:** Ginada Hostetler, Administrator, 2300 W. Capital Ave., Grand Island, NE 68803-2097, phone (308) 385-6252, e-mail address — [ginada.hostetler@dhhs.ne.gov](mailto:ginada.hostetler@dhhs.ne.gov)

**Norfolk Veterans' Home:** Jerry Eisenhower, Administrator, 600 E. Benjamin Ave., Norfolk, NE 68701-0830, phone (402) 370-3330, e-mail address — [jerry.eisenhower@dhhs.ne.gov](mailto:jerry.eisenhower@dhhs.ne.gov)

**Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home:** Howard Googins, Administrator, 12505 S. 40th Street, Bellevue, NE 68123, phone (402) 595-2180, e-mail address — [howard.googins@dhhs.ne.gov](mailto:howard.googins@dhhs.ne.gov)

**Western Nebraska Veterans' Home:** Lonnie Starke, Administrator, 1102 W. 42nd St., Scottsbluff, NE 69361-4939, phone (308) 632-0300, e-mail address — [lonnie.starke@dhhs.ne.gov](mailto:lonnie.starke@dhhs.ne.gov)

**Statutory References:** 80-314, 80-315 and 83-107.01

DHHS operates four veterans' homes. To live in one of these facilities, veterans must have served in active duty during the war, lived in Nebraska at least two years and be disabled. Disability qualifications include injury during service, old age, inability to earn a livelihood, whole or partial dependence on public assistance or requiring care available only at a state facility. Spouses of veterans and Gold Star Mothers and Fathers are eligible under similar requirements.

The focus of the veterans' homes is on wellness, allowing people to live their lives to the fullest through different levels of care: domiciliary, intermediate and skilled. The homes provide specialized services such as physical therapy and a wide range of recreational and religious services. The homes have a supportive relationship with various veterans' organizations whose members donate time, money and companionship to the people living there.

## Department of Insurance

**Office Address:** Terminal Building, 941 O St., Suite 400, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 471-2201, TDD (800) 833-7352, Web site —[www.doi.ne.gov](http://www.doi.ne.gov)

**Director:** Ann Frohman

**Statutory Reference:** 81-101

**Publications:** *Summary of Insurance Business in Nebraska; Long-Term Care Insurance Buyers Guide; Health Insurance and the Senior Citizen*

The Department of Insurance regulates and examines insurance companies and certain related operations in Nebraska. Regulation includes: agent licensing and examination; foreign insurer admittance; periodic examination of company affairs; automobile, property and liability rate approval; policy form approval; rating and claims practice investigation inquiry; and complaints investigation.

The department also administers the Excess Liability Fund and supervises the Residual Malpractice Insurance Authority, which were established by the Hospital-Medical Liability Act of 1976.

The department's divisions include Financial Examination, Market Conduct Examination, Legal, Property and Liability, Life and Health Insurance, Agents Licensing, Consumer Affairs, Office Services, Insurance Fraud Prevention (statutory reference: 44-6606) and Medical Professional Liability.

The first complete insurance code in Nebraska, enacted in 1913, provided for an insurance board to administer the code. Before 1913, the territorial auditor and later the state auditor issued certificates to insurance companies and exercised some powers in investigating and inspecting those companies.

The duties of the Insurance Board were given to the Bureau of Insurance in the Department of Trade and Commerce in 1919. In 1933, the bureau became the Department of Insurance. In 1947, the Legislature passed laws that updated the 1913 code.

### *Excess Liability Fund*

**Statutory Reference:** 44-2829

The 1976 Legislature adopted the Nebraska Hospital-Medical Liability Act as an alternate way to determine medical malpractice claims and to ensure malpractice insurance coverage in Nebraska is available at reasonable rates.

The act created the Excess Liability Fund, administered by the Department of Insurance, to make surcharge collection easier and to carry out the act's provisions. These functions include qualification of healthcare providers, disposition of claims, and other activities necessary to protect the Excess Liability Fund's assets.

Doctors, hospitals and other healthcare providers may elect to qualify under the act by securing a medical malpractice insurance policy from a company licensed to write medical malpractice coverage in Nebraska. The provider must then pay a surcharge to obtain a policy providing \$1.05 million in coverage over the underlying \$200,000 limit. The surcharge is based on the premium for the underlying policy.



### *Residual Malpractice Insurance Authority*

**Statutory Reference:** 44-2837

The Residual Malpractice Authority, created under the Nebraska Hospital-Medical Liability Act, writes medical malpractice liability insurance when insurance is unavailable in the marketplace. The authority is administered by the Department of Insurance. Residual Malpractice Authority functions include:

- establishing insurance forms and rates
- performing underwriting functions
- disposition of claims and litigation in connection with residual insurance policies
- maintenance of Residual Malpractice Authority books and records

## Department of Labor

**Office Address:** 550 S. 16th St., P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-9000, Web site — [www.NebraskaWorkforce.com](http://www.NebraskaWorkforce.com)

**Commissioner:** Catherine D. Lang, e-mail address — [catherine.lang@nebraska.gov](mailto:catherine.lang@nebraska.gov)

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**Statutory Reference:** 81-101

**Publications:** *Employment Security Law; Safety and Labor Laws; Economic Trends.*

The commissioner of labor and the Department of Labor work to:

- foster, promote and develop the welfare of wage earners
- improve working conditions
- advance opportunities for profitable employment
- adopt and enforce industrial safety codes
- enforce state laws governing working conditions, hours of labor and employment of children
- administer the Employment Security Law

The department is organized into the Office of Workforce Programs and the Office of General Counsel and Administrative Services.

The 1887 Legislature created the Bureau of Labor, Census and Industrial Statistics. The governor was named commissioner of labor with office duties performed by a deputy commissioner and other employees. The 1917 Legislature created the office of deputy compensation commissioner, and in 1919 the office's duties were assigned to the secretary of labor. In 1933, the title of the chief deputy was changed to commissioner. The 1935 Legislature set up the Workmen's Compensation Court and transferred workmen's compensation laws to that court.

### *Office of Workforce Programs*

**Executive Director:** Joan Modrell, 550 S. 16th St., P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-9948, e-mail address — joan.modrell@nebraska.gov

The Office of Workforce Programs is responsible for administering the statewide labor exchange functions assigned under the federal Wagner-Peyser Act, state training programs assigned under the Workforce Investment Act and the Social Security Act as amended by the Personnel Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, unemployment insurance benefits under the Nebraska Employment Security Law and the collection of unemployment taxes under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act. The office also helps administer the state component of the Work Opportunity Tax Credit and foreign labor certification programs.

The Wagner-Peyser Act mandates individual states to provide labor exchange services for individuals seeking employment and employers seeking employees. The services offer free placement for job seekers, special services to veterans, occupational counseling, job search assistance and testing or assessment of an individual's skill level, aptitudes or interests. Additional services under this act provide an opportunity for employers to post their job openings on JobLink, an Internet-based labor exchange system. Individuals seeking employment may place their resumes on JobLink. Other services include a Labor Market Information function, which provides current information to employers and individuals on labor market supply and demand, job opportunities, wage data, available training programs, labor area workforce conditions and training providers.

The Wagner-Peyser Act services are funded by federal appropriations allocated to the state by a budget formula implemented by the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration. Wagner-Peyser services are provided through a delivery system by One-Stop Career Centers located throughout the state. The delivery system is mandated by the recent implementation of the Workforce Investment Act. Its intent is to consolidate, coordinate and improve all employment and training, literacy, and vocational rehabilitation programs in the United States and provide universal customer access to services offered by these programs.

Programs under the Workforce Investment Act offer training services to adults, dislocated workers, youth and welfare recipients. The services are designated to increase employment opportunities, job retention, individual earnings and occupational skills attainment. The goals of these programs are to improve the quality of the workforce, reduce welfare dependency and enhance the productivity and competitiveness of the nation. These programs are employer driven and focus on employment in occupations that are considered in demand based on local labor market trends and data.

The programs are funded by federal dollars allocated to the state by the U.S. Department of Labor. The majority of the funds are administered by local workforce investment areas that are responsible for the actual delivery of services to the clients. Nebraska has three workforce investment areas, which include the Omaha Workforce Investment Area that includes the city of Omaha and Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties; the Lincoln Workforce Investment Area that includes the city of Lincoln and Lancaster and Saunders counties; and the Greater Nebraska Workforce Investment Area that includes the remaining 88 counties in Nebraska. In each area, a local workforce

investment board is appointed by the chief elected official or a chief elected official's board. Workforce investment boards are composed of representatives of business, community agencies, education, organized labor, government, economic development and other key stakeholders in the local area.

The local workforce investment board is responsible to the governor for local program operations and oversight and to ensure that training and training-related services, such as assessment, counseling, job development, paid or unpaid work experience, occupational skill training, literacy training, on-the-job training, classroom training, relocation assistance, out-of-area job search assistance, internships, job readiness, skill upgrading and retraining, and supportive services, are available to clients who reside or conduct business in these areas. In addition, workforce investment boards oversee the implementation and continuous improvement of the One-Stop delivery system which provides universal access to services via its career centers and online tools available throughout Nebraska. Workforce investment boards also establish and maintain productive relationships with local community partners and other vital entities to ensure that One-Stop services are provided in an effective and efficient manner and meet the needs of job seekers and employers.

### *Nebraska Workforce Investment Board*

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On Aug. 7, 1998, President Clinton signed the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA), a comprehensive reform legislation designed to supersede the Job Training Partnership Act and amend the Wagner-Peyser Act. The WIA reformed federal job training programs and created a comprehensive workforce investment system. The reformed system is intended to be customer-focused, to help Americans access the tools they need to manage their careers through information and high-quality services and to help U.S. companies find skilled workers. The act requires the formation of a state board to assist the governor in developing and carrying out workforce activities.

The Nebraska Workforce Investment Board (NWIB) brings together representatives from business, labor, community-based organizations, education, higher education, human services, economic development, government and other critical groups to rethink and restructure the way that workforce development services are planned and delivered so they meet customer needs. The board members come from all parts of the state. They focus on strategic planning, policy development and oversight of the local workforce investment systems.

The governor has asked the board to determine specific strategies to achieve the following objectives: prepare a workforce to meet the changing needs of Nebraska employers to compete in the global marketplace; expand employment opportunities for all Nebraskans by providing greater access to skill training, education and career information; and assure efficient use of Nebraska's workforce development resources by coordinating programs and streamlining services.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Represents</b>
Pepper Aasgaard, Omaha .....	Business
Michael Abramson, Omaha.....	Business
Mitch Arnold, Omaha.....	Business
Dennis G. Baack, Lincoln.....	Community College
Richard Baier, Lincoln.....	Department of Economic Development
Roger Breed, Omaha.....	Department of Education
Tammie Burns, Lincoln.....	Business
Sen. Abbie Cornett, Bellevue .....	Legislature
Bruce Cutright, Hastings.....	Business
Connie Eichhorn, Omaha .....	Youth
Kay Erickson, Albion .....	Business
Mathew Fleischer, Columbus .....	Business
Sen. Tony Fulton, Lincoln.....	Legislature
Michael Geary, Omaha.....	Business
J. Brent Gilbert, Omaha .....	Business
Mayor Roger Glawatz, Seward.....	City Elected Official
Patricia “Sue” Hartwell, Crete.....	Title V Older Worker Program
Larry Hiers, Sidney .....	Business
John Hilgert, Lincoln.....	Veterans
Marshall Hill, Lincoln.....	Post-Secondary Education
Jolene Jefferies, Omaha .....	Business
Ronald Johns, Gering .....	Youth
Pete Kotsiopoulos, Lincoln.....	University of Nebraska
Catherine D. Lang, Lincoln .....	Department of Labor
James Linderholm, Lincoln .....	Business
Ken Maas, Omaha.....	Labor
M. L. Martin, North Platte .....	Business
Liz Mazzotta, Omaha.....	Business
Gayle McClure, Hastings .....	Business
Mark McColley, Omaha .....	Labor
Patrick McCormick, Omaha .....	Business
Robert Mueller, Exeter.....	County Official
Michelle Olson, Omaha .....	Job Corps
Betty Palmer, Springview .....	Business
Paula Reynoso, North Platte .....	MSFW Grantee
Wayne Sasges, Grand Island.....	Business
Rick Sheehy, Hastings.....	Governor Designee
Becky Stitt, Scottsbluff .....	Business
Robert Twiss, Gretna.....	Business
Clyde Tyndall, Lincoln.....	Governor Designee
Pearl Van Zandt, Lincoln.....	INA Grantee
James Webster, Omaha.....	Business
Tom Whalen, Omaha .....	Business
Julie Younkin, Long Pine .....	Business
Vacant .....	CEO Department of Health and Human Services

### **Greater Nebraska Chief Elected Officials Board**

**Contact Person:** Roger E. Glawatz, Board Chair, Mayor of Seward, P.O. Box 38, Seward, NE 68434, phone (402) 471-6326, fax (402) 471-6309, e-mail address — roger.glawatz@vr.ne.gov

**Statutory Reference:** Federal Public Law 97-300 and amended Public Law 99-570

The Greater Nebraska Chief Elected Officials Board represents local government in the Greater Nebraska Workforce Investment Area. The board appoints members to the Greater Nebraska Workforce Investment Board and Youth Council. The board:

- determines how job training plans are developed
- chooses who receives grants and who administers the training plan
- guides policy and oversees unemployment and training programs

The board has governor-appointed members who serve at the governor's pleasure. Members represent local units of government in the Greater Nebraska Workforce Investment Area. The Chief Elected Officials Board, in cooperation with the Greater Nebraska Workforce Investment Board, is responsible for implementation of the Workforce Investment Act and the One-Stop delivery system of employment and training programs in the 88 county area (excluding Douglas, Sarpy, Washington, Lancaster and Saunders counties). The board plays a key role in this implementation. Community leaders nominate candidates and the governor appoints them. The board must have at least one mayor from each region and consists of up to 15 elected officials (mayors and county commissioners) from the five regions of the Greater Nebraska Area. The board meets twice a year with additional meetings as needed. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for travel expenses.

Member	Position
JoDee Adelung, Nebraska City.....	Nebraska City Mayor
Linda Benjamin, Cozad.....	Dawson County Commissioner
Dennis Berry, McCook.....	McCook Mayor
Donald W. Blausey, Chadron.....	Dawes County Commissioner
Casper Brixius, Alliance.....	Box Butte County Commissioner
Stanley Clouse, Kearney.....	Kearney Mayor
Donald "Skip" Edwards, Fremont.....	Fremont Mayor
Wendall Gaston, Sidney.....	Sidney Mayor
Roger E. Glawatz, Seward.....	Seward Mayor
Hal Hacker, Alma.....	Alma Mayor
Joe Hewgley, North Platte.....	Lincoln County Commissioner
Pamela Lancaster, Grand Island.....	Hall County Supervisor
Ronald Pfeifer, Lindsey.....	Platte County Supervisor
Joy Schroeder, Palmyra.....	Otoe County Commissioner
Lois Shelton, Wayne.....	Wayne Mayor

### *Unemployment Insurance*

**Director:** Bob Shanahan, 550 S. 16th St., P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-9985, e-mail address — [bob.shanahan@nebraska.gov](mailto:bob.shanahan@nebraska.gov)

The 1937 Legislature passed the Nebraska Unemployment Compensation Law and created the Unemployment Compensation Division within the Department of Labor as the administrative agency of the law. The Office of Workforce Programs administers unemployment insurance benefit payments and collection of unemployment taxes.

In 1970, Congress made employers subject to the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, effective Jan. 1, 1972. The Legislature amended the Nebraska Employment Security Law to conform to the federal act.

Under the Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees Law enacted in 1954, the state acts as the federal agent in processing and paying unemployment insurance benefits to eligible unemployed federal workers and, under the Veterans' Readjustment Act, to eligible discharged servicemen. The U.S. government reimburses the state for its expenditures under these two programs.

### **State Advisory Council to Commissioner of Labor**

**Contact Person:** Catherine Lang, Commissioner of Labor, 550 S. 16th St., P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-9000, e-mail address — catherine.lang@nebraska.gov

**Statutory Reference:** 48-610

The 1937 Legislature created a state advisory council of six members appointed by the commissioner for four-year terms. Two members represent employers, two represent employees and two represent the public. The council meets when called by the commissioner. The council advises the commissioner in administering the Employment Security Law. Members receive \$40 a day when doing council business and are reimbursed for expenses.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Valerie Crook, Lincoln .....	Public .....	June 30, 2011
John F. Bourne, Omaha .....	Employees.....	June 30, 2009
Frank McGree, Omaha .....	Public .....	June 30, 2009
Terry Moore, Omaha.....	Employees.....	June 30, 2011
Tom Whalen, Omaha .....	Employers .....	June 30, 2011
Vacant .....	Employers .....	

### ***Nebraska Worker Training Program***

**Contact Person:** Steve Porr, Coordinator, Nebraska Worker Training Program, 550 S. 16th St., P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-9977, fax (402) 471-3050, e-mail address — steve.porr@nebraska.gov

**Statutory Reference:** 48-622.03

The 1994 legislation that established the Nebraska Worker Training Board amended the Nebraska Employment Security Law to provide for the use of reciprocal trust funds to finance worker retraining programs. The legislation authorizes reallocating a portion of employer contributions to the State Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for investment. Accrued interest transfers to the companion Nebraska Training and Support Trust Fund. One objective of this trust is to support training initiatives designed to promote a skilled, productive workforce enabling Nebraska to compete nationally and internationally. Interest from the trust fund is kept in Nebraska and is used to retrain Nebraska workers who are employed by Nebraska firms.

The Worker Training Board prepares the annual program plan and develops guidelines for the operation of all training programs financed. The board reports to the governor annually on the activities and performance of the programs financed by the trust fund and serves as an advisory body on all program oversight issues.

The board has seven governor-appointed members: three members of the State Advisory Council (a representative of employers, a representative of employees and a representative of the public); the commissioner of labor; the director of economic development; the commissioner of education; and a representative of the Nebraska Community College Association. The governor determines terms of office for board members. The governor also designates a chairperson, selected from one of the three council members.

The board meets quarterly. Other meetings are called by the chairperson or at the request of other board members. Members are paid a daily rate when conducting board business. Program disbursements require the approval of the governor, upon recommendation of the commissioner of labor. The commissioner employs staff to perform duties as the board requires.

Member	Represents
Dennis G. Baack, Lincoln.....	Nebraska Community College Association
Richard Baier, Lincoln.....	Director of Economic Development
John Bourne, Omaha.....	Employees
Valerie Crook, Lincoln.....	Public
Greg Eden, Lincoln.....	Employers
Marge Harouff, Lincoln.....	Interim Deputy Commissioner of Education
Catherine Lang, Lincoln.....	Commissioner of Labor

### *Safety and Labor Standards*

**Director:** Bill Hetzler, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509-5024, phone (402) 595-2960, e-mail address — [bill.hetzler@nebraska.gov](mailto:bill.hetzler@nebraska.gov)

Safety and Labor Standards:

- protect Nebraskans through health and safety laws and by regulations adopted by the commissioner and write safety codes and standards to ensure that workers' lives, health and safety are protected in the workplace

- enforce the state health and safety codes by inspecting all places of employment
- protect children from workplace abuses through the Child Labor Law
- administer and enforce the Lunch Period Law, the State Minimum Wage Law, the Veterans' Preference Law, the Medical Examination Law, the Non-English Speaking Law, the Right to Work Law, the Farm Labor Contractors Law, the Veterans Re-Employment Rights Law and the Workplace Safety Consultation Law

- inspect or order inspections for all boilers at least once every 12 months and all unfired pressure vessels every 24 months that are required to be inspected by the Boiler Inspection Act. This inspection determines whether the boiler or pressure vessels are in a safe and satisfactory condition, properly constructed and maintained for the purpose for which the boiler or pressure vessel is used

- inspect and permit freight and passenger elevators at least once a year to determine whether they are safe and properly built and maintained

- inspect and permit amusement carnival rides in the state

- enforce the Contractor Registration Act to ensure that contractors and subcon-

tractors doing work in counties with a population of more than 100,000 have workers' compensation insurance, if required, and that they are registered with the Nebraska Department of Labor

- monitor companies' adherence to the Meatpacking Workers Bill of Rights

**Boiler Safety Code Advisory Board**

**Contact Person:** Christopher Cantrell, Chief Boiler Inspector, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lower Level, P.O. Box 95024, Lincoln, NE 68509-5024, phone (402) 471-4721, e-mail address — [christopher.cantrell@nebraska.gov](mailto:christopher.cantrell@nebraska.gov)

**Statutory Reference:** 48-739

The Boiler Safety Code Advisory Board, created in 1988, holds hearings and advises the commissioner on rules and regulations for testing, constructing and installing equipment covered by the Boiler Inspection Act.

The board has seven governor-appointed members approved by the Legislature for four-year terms. Members represent owners and users of boilers; boiler sellers; craftsmen involved in boiler construction, repair or operation; the insurance industry; licensed professional engineers with boiler experience; public safety interests; and the public. The state boiler inspector is a nonvoting member. The board meets each July. Other meetings may be called by the chairperson or at the request of four other members. Members receive \$50 per day plus reimbursement for expenses.

Member	Position	Term Expires
Charles Cole, Otoe.....	Public .....	Jan. 1, 2013
Thomas DiMartino, Gretna.....	Insurance Industry.....	Jan. 1, 2013
Robert Hill, Omaha .....	Construction/Repair Crafts .....	Jan. 1, 2011
Thomas Hix, Omaha .....	Boiler Owners/Users .....	Jan. 1, 2011
Martin D. Kasl, Lincoln .....	Professional Engineer .....	Jan. 1, 2013
Kenneth Stewart, Omaha .....	Boiler Seller .....	Jan. 1, 2013
William Yates, Omaha .....	Public Safety .....	Jan. 1, 2011
Christopher Cantrell, Lincoln .....	Chief Boiler Inspector.....	Ex Officio

***Office of General Counsel and Administrative Services***

**Executive Director:** John Albin, phone (402) 471-9912, e-mail address — [john.albin@nebraska.gov](mailto:john.albin@nebraska.gov)

The general counsel represents the Department of Labor on legal issues and legislative affairs pertaining to safety, labor law, the Employment Security Law and other workforce development issues.

**Nebraska Appeal Tribunal**

**Contact Person:** Steven Chase, Chief Administrative Law Judge, phone (402) 471-9886, e-mail address — [steven.chase@nebraska.gov](mailto:steven.chase@nebraska.gov)

**Statutory Reference:** 48-633

The Nebraska Appeal Tribunal is an independent and impartial appeals authority within the Office of General Counsel and Administrative Services that hears agency appeals, including unemployment insurance benefits and contribution appeals. The



Appeal Tribunal consists of attorneys who act as administrative law judges during appeals hearings.

### **Administrative Services**

**Director:** Terri Johnston, phone (402) 471-8358, e-mail address — [terri.johnston@nebraska.gov](mailto:terri.johnston@nebraska.gov)

Administrative services provides support functions to Department of Labor programs and includes the following business units: information technology, finance, personnel, building and grounds, agency planning and communications, marketing and public information.

## **Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (Nebraska Crime Commission)**

**Office Address:** 301 Centennial Mall South, Fifth Floor, P.O. Box 94946, Lincoln, NE 68509-4946, phone (402) 471-2194, Web site — [www.ncc.ne.gov](http://www.ncc.ne.gov)

**Executive Director:** Mike Behm

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1416

**Publications:** Annual report; annual crime statistics report; criminal justice directory; monthly newsletters; film/video library catalog; biannual law enforcement training schedule

The Governor's Crime Control Commission was created in 1967. The name was changed to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice with legislation enacted in 1969 to establish the Crime Commission as a state agency. The Crime Commission was established to develop comprehensive plans and coordinate activities related to the improvement of criminal justice administration among state and local agencies. Since its inception, more statutory responsibilities have been assigned to the commission, which now serves as an umbrella agency for many criminal and juvenile justice programs mandated by state and federal law.

The governing body of the Crime Commission has 18 members, most of whom are appointed by the governor for six-year terms. Statute requires the governor, attorney general, superintendent of the State Patrol, director of the Department of Correctional Services and chairperson of the Police Standards Advisory Council to be commission members. The commission meets quarterly to review the activities of its committees, take final action in awarding state and federal grant funds, provide oversight of staff activities and conduct other business as required. The commission's four standing committees are the Education, Research and Planning Committee; the Grant Review Committee; the Crime Victim's Reparations Committee (statutory reference: 81-1802); and the Data Processing Committee.

Member	Position	Term Expires
Scott B. Arnold, Grand Island.....	County Supervisor.....	Dec. 31, 2009
William C. Brueggemann, Plattsmouth .....	County Sheriff.....	Dec. 31, 2011
Scot E. Ford, South Sioux City.....	Police Chief .....	Dec. 31, 2011
Susan Jacobs, Lincoln.....	Public at Large.....	Dec. 31, 2009
Gary E. Lacey, Lincoln.....	County Attorney .....	Dec. 31, 2011
Mike Moser, Columbus.....	Mayor.....	Dec. 31, 2011
Kathy Bigsby Moore, Omaha.....	Juvenile Delinquency Control.....	Dec. 31, 2011
Donald E. Overman, Scottsbluff .....	Public at Large.....	Dec. 31, 2011
James J. Riskowski, Omaha.....	Public at Large.....	Dec. 31, 2009
Gerard "Fred" Ruiz, Grand Island.....	Public at Large.....	Dec. 31, 2013
Derek Vaughn, Omaha.....	Public at Large.....	Dec. 31, 2013
Terry Wagner, Lincoln.....	Police Standards Advisory Council Chairman .....	Dec. 31, 2008
William G. White, Grand Island.....	Public at Large.....	Dec. 31, 2013
Vacant, Omaha .....	Police Chief .....	Dec. 31, 2011
Jon Bruning, Lincoln.....	Attorney General .....	Nonexpiring
Gov. David Heineman, Lincoln.....	Governor .....	Nonexpiring
Robert Houston, Lincoln.....	Director of Correctional Services.....	Nonexpiring
Colonel Bryan Tuma, Lincoln.....	Superintendent, State Patrol.....	Nonexpiring

### *Federal and State Aid*

The Crime Commission administers federal and state aid programs in the areas of anti-drug abuse, violent crime, victim assistance, juvenile justice, law enforcement and criminal justice information systems. The commission awards grant funds to eligible programs that address priority issues and foster improvement in Nebraska's criminal and juvenile justice systems. Grant-funded projects are monitored and evaluated, with continuation funding based on each program's success in achieving its goals and objectives. Aid programs administered by the commission include: federal Justice Assistance Grant funds, federal Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program funds, federal Project Safe Neighborhoods funds, state Crime Stoppers funds, federal and state Victims of Crime Act funds, federal and state Crime Victim's Reparation Act funds, federal Stop Violence Against Women Act funds, federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act funds, federal Juvenile Accountability funds, state Juvenile Services Act funds, state Juvenile County Aid funds, federal and state Criminal Justice Information Systems funds and federal discretionary funds.

### *Byrne/Justice Assistance Grant Funds*

Since 1986, the Crime Commission has administered and coordinated federal Justice Assistance (Byrne) funds. Funds have been awarded to state and local programs addressing drug abuse and violent crime, including the state's nine multijurisdictional task forces that cover 72 of the state's 93 counties, as well as the Nebraska State Patrol's Mid and Upper Level Enforcement (MULE) project. Other funded projects have included drug and violent crime enforcement, offender treatment programs, drug testing, training, prosecution, substance abuse assessments for adult offenders, indigent defense enhancement of the Sexual Offender Registry and a statewide computerized law enforcement intelligence system.

### *Crime Victim Assistance*

Since 1985, the Crime Commission has administered federal and state funds for crime victim assistance programs. These programs provide medical, emotional, financial and legal assistance as well as shelter, support and advocacy to crime victims during a time of crisis.

The Nebraska Crime Victim's Reparations Act, passed in 1979, provides compensation to innocent victims of crime for certain expenses directly related to the criminal act. Victims may be reimbursed up to \$10,000 for medical and funeral expenses, loss of wages or earning power, counseling fees and residential crime scene cleanup. The commission's executive director serves as a hearing officer for claims received for reimbursement, with the Crime Victim's Reparations Committee responsible for any appeals received regarding the hearing officer's decisions.

In 1995, the commission began administering the federal Stop Violence Against Women Act Formula Block Grant Program. Since the program's inception, grant funds have been awarded to enhance the criminal justice system's response in serving women who have been victims of violence.

In 1999, the commission established a statewide Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) system. The VINE system is a computerized system that automatically notifies victims of crime whenever an offender is released or moved from a jail or prison or transferred to another detention or correctional facility.

### *Juvenile Justice*

The Crime Commission administers state and federal grant funds to juvenile justice and delinquency prevention programs throughout Nebraska and coordinates the development of juvenile justice initiatives and projects. Since 1981, federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act funding has been awarded to delinquency prevention and juvenile justice programs, such as shelters, staff secure programs, diversion, detention alternatives, tracker programs, disproportionate minority confinement initiatives, counseling and community-based evaluations. The commission monitors and oversees Nebraska's compliance with the federal act and provides technical assistance and training to criminal and juvenile justice practitioners. The Crime Commission also is responsible for administering Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Program funds to state and local programs. The commission also administers the requirements of the Nebraska Juvenile Services Act and Juvenile Services Aid to Counties, including providing state general funds to communities to develop and provide community-based programs as alternatives to incarceration.

### *Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center*

**Contact Person:** William Muldoon, Director, Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, 3600 N. Academy Road, Grand Island, NE 68801-9403, phone (308) 385-6030

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1401 to 81-1414.06

The Crime Commission has been responsible for administering, supervising and controlling the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island since 1971. In 1994, legislation gave the Police Standards Advisory Council responsibility for managing and operating the training center, including training curricula development, establishing required course hours and issuing training certificates. The center provides mandatory basic and specialized training for law enforcement and detention officers statewide, including several mandatory training courses, continuing education and specialized training programs. Specialized training topics include law enforcement, drug enforcement, highway safety, emergency vehicle operation, firearms, violent crime and homicide investigations and Spanish for law enforcement. Training programs are conducted at the center and throughout the state, with selected courses via the internet. Several institutions of higher learning, such as the University of Nebraska at Kearney, Peru State College, Bellevue University and Northeast Community College, grant college credit for training center coursework.

### *Community Corrections Council*

**Executive Director:** Linda Krutz

**Statutory Reference:** 47-619 — 47-633

The 2003 Legislature created the Community Corrections Act to provide for developing and establishing community-based facilities and programs for adult felons while encouraging their use as alternatives to incarceration or reincarceration. These alternatives are to reduce reliance on prison and enhance offender supervision in the community. The intent of the Act is to:

- promote the rehabilitation of offenders and deter offenders from engaging in further criminal activity
- make community-based facilities and programs available to probationers, parolees and other problem-solving participants while emphasizing offender culpability, offender accountability and public safety
- reduce reliance upon incarceration as a means of managing nonviolent offenders

The 20-member Community Corrections Council was created as part of the Act to coordinate the effort of establishing community correctional programs across the state, to assure the necessary supervision and services to adult felony offenders in the community and reduce the probability of criminal behavior while maintaining public safety.

The council office operates under the Crime Commission for administrative and budgetary purposes only. The council is charged with coordinating the necessary sentencing and release options for adult felony offenders in the community in order

to manage corrections resources more efficiently and effectively, to reduce reliance on incarceration, to decrease recidivism and to maintain public safety. The council works with the Crime Commission to administer and utilize the Uniform Data Analysis Fund to analyze sentencing data and to track community corrections resources related to specialized supervision programs, day and evening reporting centers, problem-solving courts and treatment funding. Committees under the council include the Justice Behavioral Health Committee and the Judicial Advisory Committee.

Member	Position	Term Expires
Kermit Brashear, Omaha.....	At Large.....	Aug. 29, 2008
Brenda Council, Omaha.....	District 11 Senator.....	Dec. 31, 2009
Jeffrey Davis, Papillion.....	Law Enforcement.....	Aug. 29, 2007
Thomas Dorwart, Sidney.....	At Large.....	Aug. 29, 2007
Julie Hippen, Lincoln.....	Behavioral Health Provider.....	Aug. 29, 2008
Joseph Kelly, Lincoln.....	County Attorneys Association.....	Aug. 29, 2009
Lee Kimzey, 3rd Congressional District.....	Behavioral Health Provider.....	Aug. 29, 2008
Robert Lindemeier, North Platte.....	Criminal Defense Attorneys Assn. ....	Aug. 29, 2008
Pete Pirsch, Omaha.....	District 4 Senator.....	Dec. 31, 2009
Scot Adams, Ph.D., Lincoln .....	Health and Human Services.....	Non-expiring
Michael Behm, Lincoln.....	Crime Commission.....	Non-expiring
Esther Casmer, Lincoln .....	Board of Parole.....	Non-expiring
Ellen Fabian-Brokofsky, Lincoln.....	Probation Administrator.....	Non-expiring
Karen Flowers, Lincoln.....	District Court Judge .....	Non-expiring
Cathy Gibson-Beltz, Lincoln.....	Parole Administrator.....	Non-expiring
Robert Houston, Lincoln.....	Correctional Services.....	Non-expiring
John Icenogle, Kearney.....	District Court Judge .....	Non-expiring
Janice Walker, Lincoln.....	State Court Administrator .....	Non-expiring
Vacant .....	Mental Health & Substance Abuse.....	
Vacant, 2nd Congressional District.....	Behavioral Health Provider.....	

### ***Jail and Juvenile Detention Facility Standards***

The Crime Commission's Jail Standards Division annually inspects local jails, temporary holding facilities and juvenile detention facilities for compliance with Nebraska's mandatory standards. The division also provides technical assistance to local jurisdictions in planning, construction and renovation projects, training, operations, management, record systems, policies and procedures and resource development.

### ***Crime Statistics, Research and Data Collection***

In 1971, the Crime Commission became responsible for collecting Uniform Crime Reports for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. All law enforcement agencies in the state are required by law to submit Uniform Crime Reports detailing the number of crimes reported or known to them and the number of arrests and citations issued on a monthly basis. Crime statistics are compiled by the commission's UCR program and forwarded to the FBI for inclusion in national crime statistics and use by federal, state and local agencies and policy makers. The UCR program publishes preliminary and annual statistical reports with participating UCR law enforcement agencies receiving monthly reports, including a summary of reported data, a trends report for monthly comparisons to the previous year and year-to-date statistics. The UCR program also

maintains a central data repository for crimes motivated by hate on the part of the offender as well as domestic assault statistics.

In addition to the UCR program, the commission's Statistical Analysis Center maintains several statewide databases, including the Jail and Juvenile Detention Admission and Release Database, Juvenile Court Database, and Drug and Violent Crime Database, with statistical information compiled and published on a regular basis. Ongoing research is conducted and published. Statistical information and research is available to assist in criminal and juvenile justice initiatives and planning efforts at the local, state and federal levels.

Since 1995, the commission has hosted Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) involving 27 state and local agencies or associations. The CJIS Advisory Committee builds ways for agencies to efficiently and effectively share criminal justice data. The primary purposes of CJIS are to promote the sharing of data among agencies, to implement programs and systems that assist state and local agencies in the performance of their jobs, and to provide a forum to discuss issues.

By statute, the commission also reviews and analyzes all criminal homicide cases in Nebraska. Data is updated annually. The commission also collects traffic stop data, including the race or ethnicity of the person stopped and the nature of the violation, and issues an annual report.

### *Library Services*

The commission operates the Criminal Justice Video Library with videos available for loan to criminal and juvenile justice agencies, schools, colleges, state agencies and the public.

### *Nebraska Jail Standards Board*

**Contact Person:** Denny Macomber, Chief, Jail Standards Division, 301 Centennial Mall South, Fifth Floor, P.O. Box 94946, Lincoln, NE 68509-9496, phone (402) 471-3990

**Statutory Reference:** 83-4,124

The Nebraska Jail Standards Board, created in 1978 and placed with the Crime Commission in 1981, is responsible for developing, implementing and enforcing minimum standards for the state's adult jails and temporary holding facilities. With the enactment of the Juvenile Detention Facility Standards in 1993, the board's scope was expanded to include juvenile detention facilities.

The Jail Standards Board is composed of 11 members, nine of whom are appointed by the governor for three-year terms. The state fire marshal and director of the Department of Correctional Services serve on the board by statute. Appointed board members include two county commissioners or supervisors, a county sheriff, a police chief, a juvenile detention facility administrator, an administrator of a large jail, a member of the Nebraska Bar Association and two laypersons. The board, which meets on a quarterly basis, operates as an independent governing board with staff and administrative support provided by the Crime Commission's Jail Standards Division.

Member	Position	Term Expires
Micheal Applegate, David City .....	Jail Administrator .....	July 7, 2009
John Falgione, Lincoln .....	State Fire Marshal .....	Nonexpiring
Deborah Gilg, Omaha .....	Nebraska Bar Association .....	July 7, 2010
Robert Houston, Lincoln .....	Director of Correctional Services .....	Nonexpiring
Ronald Johns, Gering .....	Juvenile Detention Facility Administrator .....	July 7, 2011
Willis Luedke, Crete .....	County Commissioner .....	July 7, 2009
Jim Peschong, Lincoln .....	Police Chief .....	July 7, 2011
Gary Reiber, Lexington .....	County Sheriff .....	July 7, 2009
Marvin Rohwer, Ft. Calhoun .....	County Commissioner .....	July 7, 2010
Mike Thurber, Lincoln .....	Large Jail Administrator .....	July 7, 2009
Russel Zeeb, La Vista .....	Layperson .....	July 7, 2010

### *Advisory Groups*

#### **Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council**

##### **Statutory Reference:** 81-1406

The seven-member Police Standards Advisory Council was established to oversee the operation of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center and ensure that policies and procedures relating to law enforcement training are carried out. The council acts for the Crime Commission in matters relating to law enforcement training and the training center with the exception of budgetary and personnel matters. The council establishes and enforces minimum qualification and training standards for law enforcement officers as well as assesses current and future law enforcement needs related to standards and training. The council also is responsible for establishing training center admission criteria and the training curriculum for law enforcement certification in Nebraska. The council serves as an appeals board for actions related to the enforcement of standards, admission to the training center and actions taken by the center's director. The council also is the hearing body for decertification of law enforcement officers. Council members are appointed by the governor for four-year terms and include two county sheriffs, two police chiefs, a Lincoln or Omaha police department representative, a State Patrol representative and a member of the public, with representatives from the Crime Commission and the Omaha FBI office serving as ex officio members.

#### **Nebraska County Attorney Standards Advisory Council**

##### **Statutory Reference:** 23-1213

The seven-member County Attorney Standards Advisory Council has statutory responsibility for advising the Crime Commission on developing a continuing legal education curriculum required for all Nebraska county attorneys and their deputies as well as establishing the required number of annual training hours. The council also reviews and makes recommendations to the commission on the administration and disbursement of the Crimes Against Children Fund as funding is available. Council members are appointed by the governor for four-year terms and include four county attorneys or deputy county attorneys, one professor of law and two county commissioners or supervisors.

### **Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice**

The Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice is mandated through the state's participation in the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act and the state Juvenile Services Act. The coalition makes recommendations to the Crime Commission on juvenile justice issues and federal and state juvenile justice grants, oversees Nebraska's compliance with the JJDP Act and prepares annual reports on these activities for the governor and the Legislature. Members are appointed by the governor, with at least six members being younger than 24 years of age at the time of appointment to ensure young adult representation.

### **Criminal Justice Information Systems Advisory Committee**

The Crime Commission established the Criminal Justice Information Systems Advisory Committee in 1995 to provide advice and direction on issues relating to data sharing and use of information technology among criminal justice agencies. The committee advises the commission on criminal justice information system issues, establishes and promotes standards for data processing and communication, facilitates the development and coordination of state and local criminal justice information systems, provides an avenue for cooperation and coordination among state and local information systems and establishes future directions for data sharing. Committee members are appointed by the commission's executive director and include representatives from a variety of state and local criminal justice agencies and professional associations.

### **Racial Profiling Advisory Committee**

In 2004, the Racial Profiling Advisory Committee was created to advise the executive director of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice on the prevalence of motor vehicle stops involving racial profiling. The commission is required to annually submit to the governor and the Legislature a review of the prevalence and disposition of motor vehicle stops based on racial profiling and allegations reported. The committee developed a reporting form for motor vehicle stops and a form for receiving allegations of racial profiling.

The eight-member committee consists of the executive director of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice and a representative from each of these organizations: Fraternal Order of Police, Nebraska County Sheriffs Association, Police Officers Association of Nebraska, American Civil Liberties Union of Nebraska, Nebraska State Patrol, AFL-CIO and the Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska. The committee meets quarterly.



## Military Department

**Office Address:** 1300 Military Road, Lincoln, NE 68508-1090, phone (402) 309-7210, toll-free phone for National Guard recruiting information (800) 334-5082

**Adjutant General:** Brig. Gen. Timothy J. Kadavy

**Statutory Reference:** 55-120

**Authorized Troop Strength:** Army National Guard, 3,700; Air National Guard, 900

**Publications:** *Prairie Soldier* newspaper, directives applicable to the department

The Military Department functions as a state department for military and non-military operations.

The Army National Guard, the Air National Guard and the State Guard, when organized (statutory reference: 55-201), make up the state's military forces. They conduct military operations and missions to support civil authority when authorized by the governor, who is commander in chief. The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, a component of the Military Department, coordinates civil resources to support civil authority in an emergency.

On Feb. 15, 1864, the Legislature established the adjutant general's office for the Nebraska Territory. The territorial militia was organized under an act approved in 1865. However, the initial organization of two regiments took place in 1854.

The militia was first organized in reaction to the Great Sioux and Cheyenne Indian War on the territorial border. The nature of the early militia changed to meet the state's needs from 1854 until the end of the Indian Wars in 1890. By 1881, the office of adjutant general again was established as a separate entity after being part of the secretary of state's office for 10 years. The office has continued in this capacity since that time. Legislation passed in 1974 formally changed the office's name to the Military Department.

The adjutant general, besides commanding the state military forces, is state emergency management director, emergency resource management coordinator, emergency preparedness director and state disaster coordinator.

The governor, as state military force commander in chief, appoints the adjutant general from commissioned officers of the Nebraska National Guard. The adjutant general serves until reaching the mandatory retirement age of 64, resigning or being relieved. The adjutant general controls Military Department forces for the governor and transmits the governor's orders.

The adjutant general represents the state at national, regional and area military and nonmilitary defense conferences. The adjutant general develops all civil and military defense, state emergency preparedness and disaster recovery plans for the state. He coordinates with appropriate national and regional agencies and other states to formulate Army, Air Force, civil defense and emergency plans for the state.

### *Nebraska National Guard<sup>1</sup>*

**Statutory Reference:** 55-105

The Army National Guard and the Air National Guard make up the Nebraska National Guard. The Army National Guard has command over the State Area Command, which includes the 67th Support Group (Area), 92nd Troop Command and the 209th Regional Training Institute. Units are located in 28 Nebraska communities. The Army National Guard is authorized approximately 3,700 soldiers, while the Air National Guard has 13 units with an authorized strength of 900 members. The Air National Guard includes three major commands: the state headquarters and the 155th Air Refueling Wing, located in Lincoln; and the 170th Operations Support Squadron, located at Offutt Air Force Base.

Troops are called to state active duty to execute missions within the state when authorized by the governor. The state mission of the Nebraska National Guard is to provide trained and equipped organizations to protect life and property and to preserve peace, order and public safety.

Troops are called to federal service for national defense missions, either in the United States or abroad, when authorized by the president. The federal mission of the Nebraska National Guard is to provide the armed forces with trained and equipped units ready for a national emergency or war, in accordance with U.S. Department of Defense plans.

Most fiscal support for the Nebraska National Guard comes from federal sources. Federal pay to Army and Air National Guard personnel, both full-time technicians and part-time Guard members, amounts to more than \$73 million each year. Other expenses paid by the U.S. government, such as fuel, travel, repairs and construction, supplies and equipment, amount to more than \$37 million each year. The present equipment and real property for both the Army and Air National Guard is valued at more than \$494 million.

### *Nebraska Emergency Management Agency*

**Office Address:** 1300 Military Road, Lincoln, NE 68508-1090, phone (402) 471-7421, 24-hour emergency response phone (877) 297-2368

**Assistant Director:** Al Berndt

**Statutory Reference:** 81-829.31

The adjutant general is the state emergency management director. An assistant director conducts the agency's day-to-day operations. The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency has a full-time civilian staff that can respond at any time through an established duty officer system.

If a disaster occurs, local government responds using local resources. When these resources are deemed inadequate and state resources are required to cope with the situation, local officials can contact NEMA day or night. NEMA assesses the disaster and makes a recommendation to the governor on whether a state declaration is needed. If the governor declares a state emergency, state resources can be used within certain restrictions to provide assistance.

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<sup>1</sup> For more information about the Nebraska National Guard, see Pages 136-137.

NEMA also supports other state agencies and local governments with training and education programs, public information, disaster recovery assistance and disaster planning. NEMA writes plans at the state level, including the State Emergency Operations Plan and the Nebraska Radiological Emergency Response Plans for Nuclear Power Plants. The agency coordinates state and federal emergency planning and disaster recovery and homeland security activities in support of the state's homeland security director.

NEMA occupies the state's Emergency Operations Center at the Military Department's Headquarters Complex. The EOC provides a secure location from where Nebraska government can operate during emergencies.

### State Emergency Response Commission

**Contact Person:** Tonya Ngotel, Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, 1300 Military Road, Lincoln, NE 68508-1090, phone (402) 471-7176

**Statutory Reference:** 81-15,210

The State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) appoints, supervises and coordinates the activities of the Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) under the Nebraska Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act for hazardous materials.

Commission members include the director of Environmental Quality, the director of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure, the director of the Department of Roads, the superintendent of the Nebraska State Patrol, the State Fire Marshal and the director of the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, or their designees. The commission also includes two elected officials or employees of municipal or county government and one citizen representing each of the following groups: firefighters, local emergency management, public or community health, environmental protection, labor, school districts, small business, agricultural business, the chemical industry, highway transportation and rail transportation. The governor appoints the municipal or county government members and the citizen members with the approval of the Legislature. The appointments must represent Nebraska's three congressional districts as equally as possible. Members are appointed for four-year terms and are reimbursed for expenses. The commission meets on a quarterly basis.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Richard Christensen, Hastings .....	Chemical Industry .....	Sept. 13, 2009
Steven F. Danon, Omaha .....	Small Business .....	Sept. 13, 2008
Keith Deiml, Papillion .....	School/Education .....	Sept. 13, 2011
Donald Eisenhauer, Plymouth .....	Agribusiness .....	Sept. 13, 2008
John Falgione, Lincoln .....	State Fire Marshal .....	Jan. 1, 2011
Joe Francis, Lincoln .....	Department of Environmental Quality .....	Jan. 1, 2011
Gary Gandara, Lincoln .....	Labor .....	Sept. 13, 2011
Mark Graf, McCook .....	City Government .....	Sept. 13, 2010
Allen O. Grell, Beatrice .....	County Government (NACO) .....	Sept. 13, 2009
Keith Hansen, Omaha .....	Public/Community Health .....	Sept. 13, 2010
Tim Hofbauer, Columbus .....	Local Emergency Management .....	Sept. 13, 2010
Larry Johnson, Lincoln .....	Trucking Industry .....	Sept. 13, 2009

Brig. Gen. Timothy Kadavy, Lincoln.....	NEMA Director.....	Jan. 1, 2011
Maj. Rhonda Lahm, Lincoln.....	Nebraska State Patrol.....	Jan. 1, 2011
Dana Miller, Scottsbluff.....	Firefighters.....	Sept. 13, 2010
Mark S. Reimers, Omaha.....	Transportation.....	Sept. 13, 2009
Jim Schmailzl, Lincoln.....	Department of Roads.....	Jan. 1, 2011
Sue Semerena, Lincoln.....	Department of Health and Human Services.....	Jan. 1, 2011
Steven Virgil, Omaha.....	Environmental Protection.....	Sept. 13, 2011

## Department of Motor Vehicles

**Office Address:** 301 Centennial Mall South, Mall Level, P.O. Box 94789, Lincoln, NE 68509-4789, phone (402) 471-3900, fax (402) 471-9594, Web site — [www.dmv.ne.gov](http://www.dmv.ne.gov)

**Director:** Beverly Neth

**Statutory Reference:** 81-101

**Publications:** Book containing Nebraska motor vehicle laws; driver's license manual; commercial driver's license manual; annual report; instruction manuals for county clerks and treasurers; motorcycle operator's manual; Nebraska Annual Highway Safety Plan

The Department of Motor Vehicles examines and licenses drivers; administers the driver's license point system, financial responsibility and administrative license revocation laws; issues certificates of title; and registers motor vehicles, including motor carrier proration and reciprocity.

County clerks and treasurers act as agents for the department and issue titles, driver's licenses and registration certificates.

The department performs functions previously administered by the Division of Motor Vehicles, except those related to the Motor Vehicle Dealer Licensing Act. Under previous law, administration of this act was given to the head of the Department of Roads and Irrigation, acting with a supervisory board. In 1957, a new Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board was created, with the director of the Department of Motor Vehicles as its chairperson.

The first motor vehicle laws were enacted in 1905 when vehicles were defined and required to be registered with the secretary of state. Motor vehicle supervision was transferred in 1919 to the Bureau of Roads and Bridges, then to a section of the Department of Public Works. In 1921, responsibility was given to the Department of Public Works, and in 1933, responsibility was transferred to the new Department of Roads and Irrigations. In 1957, the Legislature created a separate Department of Motor Vehicles.

## County Numbers for Nebraska License Plates\*

Number	County	Number	County	Number	County
3 .....	Gage	34 .....	Fillmore	66 .....	Cherry
4 .....	Custer	35 .....	Dixon	67 .....	Hitchcock
5 .....	Dodge	36 .....	Holt	68 .....	Keith
6 .....	Saunders	37 .....	Phelps	69 .....	Dawes
7 .....	Madison	38 .....	Furnas	70 .....	Dakota
8 .....	Hall	39 .....	Cheyenne	71 .....	Kimball
9 .....	Buffalo	40 .....	Pierce	72 .....	Chase
10 .....	Platte	41 .....	Polk	73 .....	Gosper
11 .....	Otoe	42 .....	Nuckolls	74 .....	Perkins
12 .....	Knox	43 .....	Colfax	75 .....	Brown
13 .....	Cedar	44 .....	Nemaha	76 .....	Dundy
14 .....	Adams	45 .....	Webster	77 .....	Garden
15 .....	Lincoln	46 .....	Merrick	78 .....	Deuel
16 .....	Seward	47 .....	Valley	79 .....	Hayes
17 .....	York	48 .....	Red Willow	80 .....	Sioux
18 .....	Dawson	49 .....	Howard	81 .....	Rock
19 .....	Richardson	50 .....	Franklin	82 .....	Keya Paha
20 .....	Cass	51 .....	Harlan	83 .....	Garfield
21 .....	Scotts Bluff	52 .....	Kearney	84 .....	Wheeler
22 .....	Saline	53 .....	Stanton	85 .....	Banner
23 .....	Boone	54 .....	Pawnee	86 .....	Blaine
24 .....	Cuming	55 .....	Thurston	87 .....	Logan
25 .....	Butler	56 .....	Sherman	88 .....	Loup
26 .....	Antelope	57 .....	Johnson	89 .....	Thomas
27 .....	Wayne	58 .....	Nance	90 .....	McPherson
28 .....	Hamilton	60 .....	Frontier	91 .....	Arthur
29 .....	Washington	61 .....	Sheridan	92 .....	Grant
30 .....	Clay	62 .....	Greeley	93 .....	Hooker
31 .....	Burt	63 .....	Boyd	A/N.....	Douglas <sup>1</sup>
32 .....	Thayer	64 .....	Morrill	A/N.....	Lancaster <sup>1</sup>
33 .....	Jefferson	65 .....	Box Butte	A/N.....	Sarpy <sup>1</sup>

\* Source: Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles.

<sup>1</sup> Beginning in 2002, Douglas, Sarpy and Lancaster counties began using alphanumeric plates with three letters and three numbers instead of county-number plates.

### *State Office of Highway Safety*

**Contact Person:** Fred Zwonechek, Administrator, State Office of Highway Safety, 301 Centennial Mall South, Mall Level, P.O. Box 94612, Lincoln, NE 68509-4612, phone (402) 471-2515, fax (402) 471-3865

In 1971, the Office of Highway Safety was transferred from the Office of Planning and Programming to the Department of Motor Vehicles. This division is financed primarily with federal funding. The office provides grant assistance for state and local highway safety projects, coordinates the state's overall highway safety plan and administers the Motorcycle Safety Education Act. The director of the department serves as the governor's highway safety representative.

### *Driver and Vehicle Records Division*

**Contact Person:** Betty Johnson, Administrator, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94789, Lincoln, NE 68509-4789, phone (402) 471-3918, fax (402) 471-8694

Motor vehicles were first registered in June 1905. Individuals made their own plates, and registrations were recorded by the state. In 1915, the state began issuing license plates. In 1922, the state established the practice of using prefix numbers to identify the counties in which vehicles were registered. Each county was assigned a number based on the number of registered vehicles in the county at that time. The county with the most vehicles, Douglas, was assigned the number 1; the county with the second highest number of vehicles, Lancaster, was number 2; and so forth. Beginning with the 2002 license plate issue, Douglas, Lancaster and Sarpy counties began issuing a three-letter, three-number plate.

The 1955 Legislature provided for the slogan "The Beef State" on license plates. From 1966 to 1968, the word "Centennial" replaced "The Beef State." This was later replaced by "Cornhusker State."

The 1974 Legislature provided that plates issued during 1972 were valid through 1975. In 1976, specially designed license plates with the inscription "1776 BICENTENNIAL 1976" were issued. At the upper left and right corners were drawings of a covered wagon and an Indian chief in full headdress.

Current law requires a new license plate to be issued every six years. The plates are distinctive for each new issuance. Annual renewal tab stickers are affixed to plates during the six years. This division (DVR) is responsible for the budget and inventory control of the 58 types of license plates throughout all 93 counties and the message and specialty plate programs. The department is responsible for the issuance of 58 different license plate types.

Graphic-designed license plates were first issued in 1988. The plates have no slogans and instead use graphic art designs contained in the reflective sheeting. These plates are issued for general-use passenger vehicles.

Digitally printed flat license plates were introduced with the 2005 plate reissuance.

In addition to license plates and registrations, DVR is responsible for the administration of the statewide Vehicle Titling and Registration System (VTR). VTR is used by

all 93 counties for the titling and registration of Nebraska's approximately 2.1 million motor vehicles. VTR is the system through which all motor vehicle taxes, motor vehicle fees, motor vehicle registration fees, sales tax, wheel tax and other assorted fees are collected. The division reviews applications and issues approximately 75,000 handicapped parking permits and maintains the Motor Vehicle Insurance Database.

DVR is also responsible for the database that maintains the records of 1.5 million licensed drivers and state ID card holders and the Digital Driver License System used by the counties to issue documents. The DVR Help Desk provides technology and business support for county officials and the general public. DVR also houses a Fraud Unit, which was created in 2005, that investigates identity theft, driver license fraud, and title and odometer fraud.

### ***Driver License Examining Division***

**Contact Person:** Sara O'Rourke, Administrator, Driver License Examining Division, 301 Centennial Mall South, Mall Level, P.O. Box 94726, Lincoln, NE 68509-4726, phone (402) 471-3861, fax (402) 471-4020

### ***Health Advisory Board***

**Statutory Reference:** 60-4,118.02

The 1994 Legislature created a state health advisory board of six members appointed by the director of motor vehicles with the advice and recommendation of the director of the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure. Members consist of one general practice physician, one physician who practices ophthalmology, one physician who practices orthopedic surgery, one physician who practices neurological medicine and surgery, one optometrist and one psychiatrist. The board advises the director of motor vehicles on the physical or mental ability of applicants for or holders of driver's licenses to operate a vehicle. Board members meet as necessary at the call of the director of motor vehicles. Board members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Represents</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Howard A. Dinsdale, Lincoln .....	Ophthalmology .....	Jan. 1, 2011
Thomas M. Heiser, Lincoln.....	Orthopedic Surgery .....	Jan. 1, 2011
Robert G. Osborne, Lincoln .....	Psychiatry .....	Jan. 1, 2009
Duane Polzein, Lincoln.....	Optometry .....	Jan. 1, 2011
Les W. Veskrna, Lincoln.....	General Family Practice .....	Jan. 1, 2010

### ***Motor Carrier Services Division***

**Contact Person:** Cathy Beedle, Administrator, Division of Motor Carrier Services, 301 Centennial Mall South, Mall Level, P.O. Box 94729, Lincoln, NE 68509-4729, phone (402) 471-4435, fax (402) 471-4024

**Statutory Reference:** 75-385

The 1996 Legislature established the Division of Motor Carrier Services within the department. The director of motor vehicles appoints the administrator of the division. The division:

- promotes the motor carrier industry of the state of Nebraska
- promotes the public health and welfare of Nebraska citizens by ensuring that the motor carrier industry operates in an efficient and safe manner
- provides for efficient and uniform governmental oversight of the motor carrier industry
- promotes financial responsibility on the part of motor carriers operating in and through Nebraska
- administers provisions of the International Registration Plan, the International Fuel Tax Agreement Act and the single state insurance registration system
- issues certificates of title to apportioned registered motor vehicles
- serves as the agent of the Public Service Commission in the filing of proof of insurance by intrastate common, contract and private motor carriers

### ***Financial Responsibility Division***

**Contact Person:** Kathy Hraban, Administrator, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94877, Lincoln, NE 68509-4877, phone (402) 471-3985, fax (402) 471-8288

**Statutory Reference:** 60-501

The Financial Responsibility Division carries out the provisions of the Financial Responsibility Act. They suspend and revoke operator's licenses for:

- no proof of liability insurance
- court orders
- accumulation of violation points
- failure to comply with payment of fine
- unsatisfied judgment
- insurance cancellation
- violation of child support order

The division also processes driver's license reinstatement applications for suspensions or revocations.

### ***Legal Division***

**Contact Person:** Noelle Ackermann Sherdon, Administrator, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94699, Lincoln, NE 68509-4699, phone (402) 471-9593, fax (402) 471-4828

**Statutory Reference:** 60-1503, 60-498.01

The Legal Division handles the department's rules and regulations promulgation, administrative hearings, and alcohol preliminary and evidentiary breath testing instrument training. The division also administers the administrative license revocation provisions for persons arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, or who fail or refuse a test for alcohol.



### *Information Systems Division*

**Contact Person:** Keith Dey, Administrator, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94789, Lincoln, NE 68509-4789, phone (402) 471-4395, fax (402) 471-7060

**Statutory Reference:** 60-1503

This division is responsible for the department's electronic information systems and implements the state's new digital driver's license system.

## Department of Natural Resources

**Office Address:** 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94676, Lincoln, NE 68509-4676, phone (402) 471-2363, fax (402) 471-2900, Web site — [www.dnr.ne.gov](http://www.dnr.ne.gov)

**Director:** Brian P. Dunnigan

**Statutory Reference:** 61-201

**Publications:** Biennial report; hydrographic report; quarterly newsletter; periodic special reports; daily river and canal bulletins (May-September); biennial report for the Nebraska Resources Development Fund; Annual Evaluation of Expected Availability of Water Supplies, numerous other reports and brochures.

The Department of Natural Resources was created on July 1, 2000, by a merger of the Department of Water Resources and the Natural Resources Commission (LB 900).

The 1895 Legislature created the state Board of Irrigation and gave it jurisdiction over water rights for irrigation, power and other purposes. In 1911, the name was changed to the state Board of Irrigation, Highways and Drainage. The board's director, the state engineer, was given responsibility in other fields. In 1919, the name was changed to the Department of Public Works. In 1933, it became known as the Department of Roads and Irrigation, with jurisdiction over highways, vehicle registration and law enforcement, besides water rights issues.

The 1957 Legislature created the Department of Water Resources and gave it the powers and duties formerly exercised by the Bureau of Irrigation, Water Power and Drainage, and the Department of Roads and Irrigation. The department carried out the work started by the state Board of Irrigation.

The Natural Resources Commission was originally established in 1937 as the State Soil Conservation Committee. The committee was later known as the Soil and Water Conservation Commission and then was renamed the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission in 1972.

The Department of Natural Resources carries out the functions and programs of the merged agencies. It regulates the use and storage of surface water from Nebraska's streams, lakes and reservoirs and authorizes the transfer of groundwater by industrial and municipal groundwater users. The department also measures and records state stream flows. The department maintains the state water wells registration system and approves requests to waive state water well spacing requirements. The department issues permits to allow the development of geothermal groundwater use and to allow groundwater transfers to another state.

The department's floodplain management duties include administering Nebraska's Flood Plain Regulation Act and providing state coordination of the National Flood Insurance Program. Local governments with zoning jurisdiction have one year after receiving acceptable floodway boundaries to adopt zoning ordinances restricting development and land use within those floodway lines. The department helps local subdivisions meet requirements prescribed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which administers the flood insurance program. The department is responsible for reviewing and approving plans and specifications for dams to ensure that the dams will be safe and regularly inspects dams for safety violations.

The Nebraska Groundwater Management and Protection Act requires the department to review the state's water supplies annually and decide if any basins are fully appropriated and, therefore, subject to the integrated management planning process. In the areas of the state that have been declared fully appropriated or overappropriated, the department works with natural resources districts to create integrated management plans that will sustain water uses and supplies.<sup>2</sup> The department and the natural resources districts may limit water use through a variety of methods including assigning allocations to water use, prohibiting new wells and new surface water appropriations, rotating well use, tougher well-spacing standards, better management practices and educational programs.

The department director is the Nebraska member of several interstate bodies that administer stream and border compacts.<sup>3</sup> The department is responsible for coordinating the state's efforts to comply with interstate stream compacts.

### *Natural Resources Commission*

**Office Address:** 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94676, Lincoln, NE 68509-4676, phone (402) 471-2363

**Statutory Reference:** 2-1504

The Natural Resources Commission carries out certain specific responsibilities in connection with natural resources districts including providing special funds for district projects. The commission created the original NRD boundaries in 1971 and is responsible for approving boundary alterations. The commission has 16 members, 13 of which represent the state's recognized river basins. The governor appoints the other three members with approval by the Legislature. Those three members represent municipal users of water, surface water irrigators and groundwater irrigators. Commission members representing river basins are selected for four-year terms at individual caucuses of NRD directors. The commission meets about every eight weeks.

Member	Representing	Term Expires
Garry A. Anderson, Dixon.....	Elkhorn River Basin .....	Jan. 22, 2009
John Burkholder, Holdrege .....	Republican River Basin.....	Jan. 22, 2009
Beverly Donaldson, Omaha .....	Missouri Tributaries River Basin .....	Jan. 20, 2011
W. Richard Hadenfeldt, Dannebrog.....	Loup River Basin .....	Jan. 20, 2011
Joseph Hergott, Hebron .....	Little Blue River Basin .....	Jan. 22, 2009

<sup>2</sup> For more information on Natural Resources Districts, see Page 879.

<sup>3</sup> For more details on these interstate compacts, see Page 747.

Clinton Johannes, Richland .....	Lower Platte River Basin .....	Jan. 20, 2011
David E. Kadlecck, Hay Springs .....	Niobrara-White-Hat Creek River Basin .....	Jan. 22, 2009
Roger Korell, Bayard .....	Surface Water Users .....	At Pleasure of Governor
Vince Kramper, Dakota City .....	Missouri Tributaries River Basin .....	Jan. 20, 2011
Myron Lembke, Bridgeport .....	North Platte River Basin .....	Jan. 22, 2009
Richard Mercer, Kearney .....	Groundwater Irrigator .....	At Pleasure of Governor
Larry Moore, Ulysses .....	Big Blue River Basin .....	Jan. 22, 2011
Ladd M. Reeves, Archer .....	Middle Platte River Basin .....	Jan. 22, 2009
Keith Rexroth, Sidney .....	South Platte River Basin .....	Jan. 20, 2011
James Van Marter Jr., Holdrege .....	Municipal Water Users .....	At Pleasure of Governor
Dan Watermeier, Syracuse .....	Nemaha River Basin .....	Jan. 20, 2011

### ***Carbon Sequestration Advisory Committee***

**Contact Person:** Steve Gaul, Department of Natural Resources, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94676, Lincoln, NE 68509-4676, phone (402) 471-2363, fax (402) 471-2900, Web site — [www.dnr.ne.gov](http://www.dnr.ne.gov)

#### **Statutory Reference:** 2-5301

The 2000 Legislature passed an act relating to the environment and created the Carbon Sequestration Advisory Committee. The act directed the Department of Natural Resources to prepare a report for the Legislature relating to the atmospheric carbon dioxide buildup (greenhouse gases) and investigate possible means to sequester carbon dioxide in the soil. A statewide assessment of carbon levels in soils and the potential for storing higher levels was issued as a separate report for the Legislature. The report and statewide assessment were completed in 2001 and 2002. The act also established a governor-appointed advisory committee to:

- advise and assist the Department of Natural Resources in report preparation
- recommend policies and programs to enhance the ability of agricultural landowners to participate in carbon trading
- encourage the production of educational and advisory materials on carbon sequestration
- identify and recommend areas of research

<b>Member</b>	<b>Represents</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Ken Berney, Norfolk .....	Natural Resources Districts .....	Jan. 1, 2011
Steven K. Chick, Lincoln .....	Natural Resources Conservation Service .....	Jan. 1, 2011
Dave Endorf, Daykin .....	Crop Production .....	Jan. 1, 2011
Joe Francis, Lincoln .....	Department of Environmental Quality .....	Jan. 1, 2011
Ross D. Garwood, Amelia .....	Livestock Producer .....	Jan. 1, 2011
David E. Hallberg, Omaha .....	Ethanol Industry .....	Jan. 1, 2011
Hope C. Hasenkamp-Gibbs, Columbus .....	Electrical Industry .....	Jan. 1, 2011
Robert L. Johnson, Hastings .....	Crop Production .....	Jan. 1, 2011
Martin Kleinschmit, Hartington .....	Livestock Producer .....	Jan. 1, 2011
Bobbie Kriz-Wickham, Lincoln .....	Department of Agriculture .....	Jan. 1, 2011
Gary D. Lynne, Lincoln .....	Marketing .....	Jan. 1, 2011

Larry Pearce, Bellevue .....	Nebraska Energy Office .....	Jan. 1, 2011
Shashi B. Verma, Lincoln .....	Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources .....	Jan. 1, 2011
Dayle Williamson, Lincoln .....	Department of Natural Resources .....	Jan. 1, 2011

## Nebraska State Patrol

**Office Address:** 1600 Highway 2, P.O. Box 94907, Lincoln, NE 68509-4907, phone (402) 471-4545, toll-free Drug Hot Line (800) 742-9333, toll-free Emergency Highway Help Line (800) 525-5555 (\*55 on cellular phones), toll-free statewide Crime Stoppers Line (800) 422-1494, Road Conditions Line dial 511, Recruitment Hot Line (866) 564-6677, Web site — [www.nsp.state.ne.us](http://www.nsp.state.ne.us)

**Superintendent:** Col. Bryan Tuma

**Administration:** Lt. Col. Darrell Fisher, Assistant Superintendent; Maj. Rhonda Lahm, Administrative Services; Maj. Russ Stanczyk, Field Services; Maj. Dave Sankey, Investigative Services

**Statutory References:** 81-101 and 81-2001

**Publications:** Law enforcement bulletin; *The Informer* (internal newsletter); annual report; strategic plan; pamphlets and brochures

**Headquarters Troop:** Air Park-Lincoln, P.O. Box 94907, Lincoln, NE 68509-4907, phone (402) 471-4680

**Troop A:** 4411 S. 108th St., Omaha, NE 68137, phone (402) 331-3333

**Troop B:** 1401 Eisenhower Ave., Norfolk, NE 68701-2199, phone (402) 370-3456

**Troop C:** 3431 W. Old Potash, P.O. Box 1602, Grand Island, NE 68802-1602, phone (308) 385-6000

**Troop D:** Junction Highway 83 and Interstate 80, P.O. Box 1265, North Platte, NE 69103-1265, phone (308) 535-8047

**Troop E:** Panhandle Office Complex, 4500 Ave. I, P.O. Box 1500, Scottsbluff, NE 69361-0872, phone (308) 632-1211

In 1937, the Legislature created the Nebraska Safety Patrol, making it a division of the Department of Roads and Irrigation. As amended in 1941, the law named the patrol's chief officer as "superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety." In 1967, the Legislature changed the name to State Patrol and broadened the division's duties. In 1981, the Legislature made the State Patrol a separate agency, removing it from Department of Roads' control.

The superintendent's office directly supervises professional standards, human resources, public information and executive protection. Other state patrol duties are classified under three general areas: administrative services, investigative services and field services.

Officers of the state patrol also provide executive protection for the governor and the governor's family, legislative security and Supreme/Appellate Court security.

### ***Administrative Services***

This division includes accounting, grants, information technology, supply, radio engineering, purchasing, CLEIN network administration, research and planning, project management and the training academy.

### **Internal Affairs Division**

The Internal Affairs Division provides the agency a means of maintaining professional conduct within the Nebraska State Patrol. The Internal Affairs lieutenant receives complaints from the public and within the agency and initiates administrative investigations into complaints that allege misconduct. The division also tracks incidents where officers were required to use force or discharge weapons in the performance of their duties.

### ***Investigative Services Division***

The Investigative Services Division includes criminal investigations, drug investigations, the Nebraska Fusion Center (intelligence sharing of all crimes and hazards), identification (fingerprint and criminal history files) and the following divisions: alcohol/tobacco, auto/fuel fraud, crime lab, cold case, Internet crimes and the sex offender registry program.

### **Alcohol/Tobacco Division**

The Nebraska State Patrol serves as the primary enforcement agency for the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission. In addition to liquor law enforcement, the patrol investigates the background of liquor license applicants and complaints of alleged violations and conducts licensed premise inspections. The patrol also provides training to retail liquor license holders regarding state law, the rules and regulations of the Liquor Control Commission and detecting false identification.

### **Auto/Fuel Fraud Division**

The Auto Fraud Division tracks stolen vehicles and educates key individuals about identification of false vehicle documents. The division promotes anti-auto fraud and public awareness programs and provides certification training to vehicle title inspectors. Fuel fraud personnel investigate fuel tax fraud, illegal use of dyed diesel fuel and consumer fraud involving fuel quality and quantity.

### **Crime Laboratory**

The mission of the Nebraska State Patrol Crime Laboratory is to serve as a state leader in the field of forensic science serving law enforcement agencies statewide. Key functions include evidence analysis, expert court testimony and evidence collection and preservation training.

### **Cold Case Squad**

Technological advances in DNA testing and evidence analysis created the need to review unsolved homicides. The Nebraska State Patrol Cold Case Squad consists of investigators who confirm unsolved crimes are homicides and examine evidence to determine if DNA analysis is possible. There are approximately 150 unsolved cases in Nebraska.

### **Technical Crimes Unit/Internet Crimes Against Children**

The Technical Crimes Unit addresses the use of computers and electronic devices to commit fraud, identity theft and other related computer crimes. Internet Crimes Against Children unit is one of 59 federally funded ICAC task forces in the United States. The unit works proactive and reactive cases involving child pornography and online enticement of children for sexual purposes.

### **Sex Offender Registry**

The Sex Offender Registry was created to maintain records on convicted sex offenders. Program personnel assign risk level to offenders, track offenders, conduct community notification and investigate violations of registry laws.

### ***Field Services***

Field Services include highway patrolling, crash investigations, motor carrier enforcement, SWAT team services and the Air Wing, Bomb Squad, Community Policing and K-9 divisions.

#### **Air Wing**

The Air Wing has pilots stationed in Lincoln and Ogallala. Three fixed-wing aircraft and one helicopter are used to enforce motor vehicle laws, conduct surveillance, search for missing persons and assist other law enforcement agencies.

#### **Bomb Squad**

The Bomb Squad consists of five hazardous devices technicians certified through the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Hazardous Devices School. The squad's responsibilities include responding to explosives calls, providing training in explosive recognition and awareness and enforcing rules and regulations for the purchase, use and storage of commercial explosives.

### **Community Policing Division**

The Nebraska State Patrol assigns six officers dedicated to community service to participate in community policing, which is a partnership between police and the communities they serve. The program is designed to identify problems and to develop solutions to these problems. Nebraska State Patrol Community Service Officers conduct or assist with a variety of programs, including the Metro Area Motorist Assist Program, Nebraska Motorist Assist Program, Central Nebraska Motorist Assist Program, Junior Law Program, Grim Reaper Program and Adopt-a-School.

### **K-9 Division**

The K-9 Division consists of 13 officers and their police service dogs. The dogs are trained to track suspects or missing persons, search buildings for drugs and explosives, protect officers and apprehend suspects.

## **Department of Revenue**

**Office Address:** 301 Centennial Mall South, Second Floor, P.O. Box 94818, Lincoln, NE 68509-4818, phone (402) 471-2971, toll-free taxpayer assistance line for Nebraska and Iowa 1-800-742-7474, Web site — [www.revenue.ne.gov](http://www.revenue.ne.gov)

**State Tax Commissioner:** Douglas A. Ewald

**Statutory References:** Nebraska Constitution, Article IV, Section 28; and 77-360

**Publications:** Statistical information annual report; Fund Summary Report; Department of Revenue Annual Report; Tax Expenditure Report; other reports required by law or for informational purposes

The Nebraska Department of Revenue, through the state tax commissioner, has indirect authority over state revenues and directly administers major state tax revenues except liquor and insurance taxes.

A constitutional amendment in 1967 prohibited state government from using property tax revenues. To replace this revenue, the Legislature enacted a state sales and use tax and a state income tax. The sales and use tax became effective in 1967, and the income tax became effective in 1968.

The Department of Revenue prepares an annual report that includes statistical information on collected state taxes. This report is available on the Internet at [www.revenue.ne.gov](http://www.revenue.ne.gov) or upon request from the department.

### ***Administration***

The department's administration includes the state tax commissioner and the deputy tax commissioner.

The department is organized into six divisions: Administration, Compliance, Lottery and Charitable Gaming, Motor Fuels, Policy and Property Assessment.

### ***Administrative Services Division***

The Administrative Services Division:

- manages and administers the department's various resources to provide staff with information and services needed to deliver efficient and high quality service to the public
- is responsible for human resources, information and tax return processing, financial and accounting systems, procurement, facilities and technology management and support services for the department

### ***Compliance Division***

The Compliance Division is responsible for the following actions:

- assuring fair and uniform payment and collection of all taxes due from Nebraska's tax system
- performing the audit and legal duties related to enforcement of Nebraska's tax laws
- focusing on tax compliance

Compliance issues are examined and shared within the department and may assist in finding methods to ensure that the ability to comply with the state's tax laws is as transparent as possible.

### ***Lottery and Charitable Gaming Division***

**Statutory Reference:** 9-1,101 and 9-804

The Legislature established the Charitable Gaming Division in 1986 to regulate charitable gaming activities in Nebraska. In November 1992, Nebraska voters approved a constitutional amendment authorizing the creation of a state lottery. The Nebraska Lottery was created by LB 138, passed by the 1993 Legislature.

The Lottery and Charitable Gaming Division:

- provides funds for its beneficiaries, including the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund, education as directed by the Legislature, the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund and the Nebraska State Fair Board.
- sells scratch tickets and online Powerball tickets
- administers laws relating to bingo, keno, pickle cards and raffle and is responsible for licensing, policy and enforcement activities
- ensures that proceeds are accurately accounted for and used in a lawful manner

### ***Motor Fuels Division***

**Statutory Reference:** 66-738

The Motor Fuels Division:

- ensures compliance with state laws
- provides assistance to taxpayers regarding motor fuels tax programs
- administers the motor fuels programs with an increased emphasis on collections, audit and investigations

### ***Policy Division***

The Policy Division has the following responsibilities:

- developing legislative and regulatory policies that clearly and completely inform the public about Nebraska tax law
- working with other agencies of state and local government and business and industry groups to research and develop sound tax practices and procedures in compliance with state law
- conducting research, communications and related responsibilities



### ***Property Assessment Division***

**Statutory Reference:** 77-701

On July 1, 1999, the Property Tax Division of the Department of Revenue became a separate agency, the Department of Property Assessment and Taxation. On July 1, 2007, the Department of Property Assessment was reabsorbed by the Department of Revenue and became the Property Assessment Division.

The Property Assessment Division develops information in various formats that assists administrators, payers and beneficiaries of property taxes in evaluating the quality of the assessment function of the property tax system in Nebraska.

### ***Invest Nebraska Board***

**Contact Person:** Douglas A. Ewald, State Tax Commissioner, Nebraska Department of Revenue, 301 Centennial Mall South, Second Floor, P.O. Box 94818, Lincoln, NE 68509-4818, phone (402) 471-5604

**Statutory Reference:** 77-5501

The 2001 Legislature created the Invest Nebraska Board as part of the Invest Nebraska Act. The board consists of the governor, the state treasurer and the chairperson of the Nebraska Investment Council. The purpose of the Invest Nebraska Act is to encourage new businesses to relocate and encourage existing businesses to expand in Nebraska. The goal of this act is to aid in the economic and population growth of the state and to assist in the creation of better jobs. The board determines, after conducting a public hearing, whether a company's proposed project meets the state purposes and requirements of the Invest Nebraska Act.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>
Gov. David Heineman, Lincoln.....	Chairperson
Shane Osborn, Lincoln .....	State Treasurer
Gail Werner-Robertson, Omaha.....	Chairperson, Nebraska Investment Council

### ***Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Board***

**Contact Person:** Douglas A. Ewald, State Tax Commissioner, Nebraska Department of Revenue, 301 Centennial Mall South, Second Floor, P.O. Box 94818, Lincoln, NE 68509-4818, phone (402) 471-5604

**Statutory Reference:** 13-2601

In 1999, the Legislature created the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act to ensure the state may receive long-term economic and fiscal benefits from convention facilities. The board determines whether political subdivisions that file applications under this act qualify for state assistance.

The board consists of the governor, the state treasurer, the chairperson of the Nebraska Investment Council, the chairperson for the Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy and a professor of economics from a state postsecondary educational institution. The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education appoints the member.

Members	Position
Gov. David Heineman, Lincoln.....	Governor
Shane Osborn, Lincoln.....	State Treasurer
Eric Thompson, Lincoln.....	Director, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Bureau of Business Research
Jim Titus, Lincoln.....	Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy
Gail Werner-Robertson, Omaha.....	Chairperson, Nebraska Investment Council

*Nebraska Greenbelt Advisory Committee*

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**Chairperson:** John Moore  
**Statutory Reference:** 77-1355

The 2000 Legislature passed legislation that created the Nebraska Greenbelt Advisory Committee. The committee assists and advises the property tax administrator in developing uniform and proportionate special valuation of agricultural land and provides advice to the tax commissioner and the Legislature on rules for such special valuation. The committee is financed by the Property Assessment Division.

The committee has seven members appointed by the governor to four-year terms. The committee consists of two active farmers, an active rancher, a real estate appraiser with expertise in the appraisal of agricultural real estate, a professor of agricultural economics at the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, an elected county assessor or a designee of the county assessor, and an elected county commissioner or supervisor.

The committee must meet at least once annually. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Paul Chamberlain, Craig.....	Active Farmer.....	May 10, 2010
James Hanna, Thedford.....	Active Rancher.....	May 10, 2008
John Moore, Lexington.....	County Assessor.....	May 10, 2012
Richard Pierce, Miller.....	Elected County Official.....	May 10, 2010
Kenneth W. Stephens, Valentine.....	Real Estate Appraiser.....	May 10, 2010
Ray Supalla, Lincoln.....	Ag Economics - University of Nebraska IANR.....	May 20, 2012
Alan Svajgr, Cozad.....	Active Farmer.....	May 10, 2012

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1887.....	160,506,266	8.13	1,305,659	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1897.....	165,193,736	7.15	1,181,919	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1907.....	329,413,349	7.00	2,305,893	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1917.....	528,891,424	8.48	4,484,999	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920.....	762,284,909	10.39	7,932,575	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1921.....	3,212,737,091	3.30	10,930,607	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1925.....	3,176,773,795	2.35	7,482,542	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926.....	3,177,159,318	1.80	5,718,886	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1927.....	3,141,146,610	3.75	11,779,299	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1928.....	3,125,855,462	2.06	6,439,262	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1929.....	3,167,489,383	2.40	7,645,798	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1930.....	3,102,050,571	2.34	7,258,798	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1931.....	3,045,793,706	2.04	6,213,419	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1932.....	2,521,000,981	2.37	5,974,772	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1933.....	2,073,283,250	2.39	4,955,147	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1934.....	2,059,678,928	2.10	4,424,207	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1935.....	2,030,243,533	2.15	4,467,760	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1936.....	2,060,835,168	1.76	3,732,183	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1937.....	2,058,224,967	2.64	5,536,161	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1938.....	2,053,302,482	2.68	6,213,375 <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1939.....	2,047,519,591	2.61	6,111,012 <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1940.....	1,922,271,788	2.57	5,751,790,31 <sup>2</sup>	8,522,835.62	9,363,959.00	827,583.52	19,089,644.91	2,157,241.36	45,713,054.72	46,271,291.87
1941.....	1,949,775,725	2.71	6,114,720.25 <sup>2</sup>	8,544,696.34	9,528,105.72	868,795.63	19,249,031.84	1,965,941.85	47,416,936.73	47,416,936.73
1942.....	2,042,442,436	2.39	5,892,250.53 <sup>2</sup>	8,437,615.85	9,923,106.54	911,358.28	20,321,586.08	1,931,019.45	47,416,936.73	47,416,936.73
1943.....	2,123,882,890	2.48	6,434,989.90 <sup>2</sup>	7,346,061.49	9,731,625.33	902,633.21	22,506,098.56	2,780,305.76	49,791,714.25	49,791,714.25
1944.....	2,115,063,748	2.54 <sup>3</sup>	6,646,877.64 <sup>2</sup>	7,089,268.72	9,635,450.57	918,210.88	24,661,371.55	2,862,832.43	51,814,011.79	51,814,011.79
1945.....	2,153,798,946	2.84 <sup>4</sup>	7,541,696.98 <sup>2</sup>	8,344,525.21	10,360,226.65	1,119,521.03	27,193,352.52	2,951,922.42	57,511,244.81	57,511,244.81
1946.....	2,160,972,214	3.30 <sup>4</sup>	8,970,146.90 <sup>2</sup>	8,895,475.72	11,392,073.44	1,299,012.87	29,212,466.90	3,473,962.23	63,243,778.23	63,243,778.23
1947.....	2,315,369,866	5.99 <sup>5</sup>	16,226,395.97 <sup>2</sup>	10,021,306.17	12,190,072.88	1,528,623.29	37,887,377.40	3,202,980.14	81,396,348.29 <sup>6</sup>	81,396,348.29 <sup>6</sup>
1948.....	2,499,222,769	5.26 <sup>6</sup>	16,590,938.10 <sup>2</sup>	11,128,634.02	14,026,147.84	1,829,223.68	43,285,645.46	3,163,184.71	90,287,562.48 <sup>7</sup>	90,287,562.48 <sup>7</sup>
1949.....	2,640,565,444	5.86 <sup>7</sup>	19,118,120.38 <sup>2</sup>	12,798,837.04	15,451,581.85	2,081,642.24	45,907,265.45	3,005,280.95	98,664,524.11 <sup>8</sup>	98,664,524.11 <sup>8</sup>
1950.....	2,719,489,576	5.76	19,519,763.70 <sup>8</sup>	12,835,629.71	16,199,324.47	2,182,106.43	53,225,772.76	3,218,657.15	107,576,591.44 <sup>9</sup>	107,576,591.44 <sup>9</sup>
1951.....	3,014,247,550	6.59	24,171,039.53 <sup>8</sup>	14,358,334.06	18,371,648.03	2,296,701.73	58,265,008.79	2,621,993.26	122,746,134.67 <sup>10</sup>	122,746,134.67 <sup>10</sup>
1952.....	3,104,475,679	6.98	27,025,733.01 <sup>8</sup>	14,424,701.63	20,346,311.25	2,467,706.17	57,240,372.79	2,683,738.43	127,461,347.93 <sup>11</sup>	127,461,347.93 <sup>11</sup>
1953.....	3,383,619,610	5.75	24,830,943.41 <sup>8</sup>	14,194,973.78	21,824,327.76	2,480,913.40	57,896,786.43	2,621,022.59	124,347,195.93 <sup>12</sup>	124,347,195.93 <sup>12</sup>
1954.....	3,043,753,089	6.69	20,820,539.57 <sup>8</sup>	19,138,043.41	21,692,901.55	2,351,358.95	60,463,284.26	2,902,266.64	128,041,382.23 <sup>13</sup>	128,041,382.23 <sup>13</sup>

\* Source: Department of Revenue Property Assessment Division.

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1955.....	3,059,667,317	8.18	25,468,398.01 <sup>8</sup>	21,939,063.84	22,761,837.33	2,171,542.77	66,811,906.76	2,856,726.27	142,627,677.96 <sup>9</sup>
1956.....	2,958,572,814	8.09	24,388,599.86	22,741,831.79	23,187,048.99	2,174,012.50	70,246,466.64	3,094,990.67	146,212,379.98 <sup>9</sup>
1957.....	2,968,251,035	8.23	24,949,837.30	24,081,108.68	23,784,781.65	1,891,013.32	75,396,263.55	2,795,780.66	153,524,482.99 <sup>9</sup>
1958.....	3,026,479,555	7.97	24,998,189.28	25,162,038.00	25,072,450.95	2,010,803.07	81,238,148.92	2,789,387.21	161,513,035.51 <sup>9</sup>
1959.....	3,175,363,640	8.45	27,742,734.00 <sup>10</sup>	27,010,154.00 <sup>10</sup>	26,916,580.00 <sup>10</sup>	2,108,651.00	89,390,547.00 <sup>10</sup>	1,823,095.00	175,700,835.00 <sup>9</sup>
1960.....	3,212,814,395	8.43	27,084,022.00 <sup>10</sup>	29,209,653.04	29,078,360.40	2,379,647.37	97,361,961.77	1,797,134.61	189,000,049.35
1961.....	3,278,007,212	8.41	27,568,040.00	30,288,018.92	31,089,997.95	2,416,916.27	102,592,803.84	2,283,652.45	198,260,199.20
1962.....	3,367,213,876	8.43	28,385,612.00	33,298,733.93	33,450,894.22	2,472,914.89	110,833,920.33	2,862,106.94	214,740,261.73
1963.....	3,458,065,766	9.80	33,871,754.17	35,173,833.83	35,679,276.30	2,665,803.00	120,789,718.71	3,508,721.12	235,101,945.65
1964.....	3,553,328,531	9.14	32,477,422.77	37,387,165.00	38,454,973.00	2,585,621.00	126,879,196.00	4,527,456.00	246,171,142.00
1965.....	3,824,944,306	11.73	44,866,596.73	42,191,781.00	42,010,524.00	2,526,240.00	137,366,909.00	5,595,374.00	278,511,202.00
1966.....	4,334,187,613	10.67	49,317,239.46	47,162,520.04	47,093,081.86	2,590,065.42	155,612,952.14	5,227,918.82	308,319,630.21
1967.....	4,250,081,231	-	-	52,228,134.16	47,711,381.94	2,772,969.00	188,637,979.46	2,673,756.93	296,865,045.75
1968.....	4,450,148,845	-	-	52,698,236.33	48,477,535.15	2,707,718.34	186,970,844.29	1,703,395.38	291,657,729.49
1969.....	5,134,365,585	-	-	55,240,378.58	52,225,096.24	2,978,619.20	207,010,512.00	1,877,520.28	319,322,132.65
1970.....	5,375,573,178	-	-	60,070,893.23	55,540,398.42	2,886,917.00	227,298,397.69	5,494,558.40	351,261,164.85
1971.....	5,537,901,733 <sup>11</sup>	-	-	67,941,724.18 <sup>12</sup>	58,579,109,571 <sup>12</sup>	3,021,725.63	253,055,623,671 <sup>13</sup>	6,957,773.65	389,555,956.70
1972.....	5,731,535,854	-	-	66,815,345.18	59,850,069.91	3,067,721.90	268,140,216.20	11,841,962.08	409,715,315.27
1973.....	6,077,281,894	-	-	67,530,676.69	63,207,701.26	3,192,637.20	266,937,559.55	14,836,694.79	415,705,269.49
1974.....	6,503,268,242	-	-	79,948,578.28	69,070,859.84	3,383,437.94	283,085,525.68	16,840,654.20	452,328,855.94
1975.....	6,748,224,013	-	-	89,488,177.16	77,568,121.34	3,938,242.37	335,418,412.12	20,170,789.27	526,583,742.26
1976.....	7,017,779,158	-	-	97,559,784.14	84,249,910.50	4,169,473.22	390,698,319.60	20,334,040.50	597,011,527.96
1977.....	7,627,733,927	-	-	104,203,795.14	88,979,987.30	4,215,692.98	418,143,661.85	23,306,318.55	638,849,455.82
1978.....	7,613,655,151	-	-	92,085,281.43	91,670,649.88	4,302,523.80	419,938,308.46	28,324,536.08	636,321,799.65
1979.....	11,980,807,548	-	-	106,732,742.66	96,719,718.42	5,275,881.41	445,372,813.04	29,031,662.89	683,132,818.45
1980.....	12,671,717,612	-	-	118,268,175.56	111,214,847.08	5,563,833.87	444,546,095.81	29,078,338.43	708,671,290.75
1981.....	37,523,234,040 <sup>14</sup>	-	-	127,122,316.17	119,606,762.19	5,885,564.33	490,175,200.88	31,251,930.94	774,041,774.51
1982.....	38,553,689,126	-	-	132,516,511.16	129,261,511.16	6,705,460.35	519,235,159.61	33,342,822.26	820,801,472.09
1983.....	41,035,051,624	-	-	145,712,192.81	137,795,517.73	7,478,969.60	567,520,724.12	35,387,354.34	893,894,758.60
1984.....	41,632,906,872	-	-	149,167,872.98	138,999,350.26	8,052,530.26	609,396,444.64	43,989,999.79	949,606,197.93
1985.....	44,606,914,842	-	-	156,689,853.19	136,371,552.53	8,278,854.46	662,503,133.90	51,428,651.23	1,015,272,045.31
1986.....	43,925,258,319	-	-	152,584,535.93	143,742,404.22	7,873,142.86	697,383,486.92	57,595,701.77	1,059,179,271.70
1987.....	44,309,579,823	-	-	154,933,300.94	145,214,398.57	7,690,335.05	731,282,985.70	61,851,081.68	1,100,975,151.94
1988.....	44,697,049,210	-	-	162,374,423.42	148,990,983.71	7,718,588.90	777,782,709.17	66,819,052.85	1,163,685,708.05
1989.....	49,991,878,637	-	-	176,918,895.88	159,159,830.91	7,860,447.76	874,714,424.81	72,335,081.60	1,290,988,680.84
1990.....	52,725,587,844	-	-	183,324,179.08	160,049,218.35	7,969,656.39	792,951,493.81	73,413,706.30	1,217,708,654.73
1991.....	54,041,010,920	-	-	193,159,277.33	164,070,911.90	8,080,419.88	813,288,636.89	78,448,202.84	1,257,047,448.83

# Total Property Taxes Levied in Nebraska, 1887-2007 (Cont'd.)

Year	Total Assessed Valuation <sup>1</sup>	Total State Levy in Mills	Total Amount of State Taxes Levied	Total Amount of County Taxes Levied	Total Amount of City/Village Taxes Levied	Total Amount of Township Taxes Levied	Total Amount of School Taxes Levied	Total Amount of Other Taxes Levied <sup>16</sup>	Grand Total All Property Taxes Levied
1992	56,004,491,961 <sup>15</sup>	-	201,879,272.15	166,154,038.92	8,260,817.28	855,628,353.49	82,364,305.22	1,314,286,787.06	1,413,865,561.65
1993	57,861,622,350	-	218,962,439.61	171,572,563.13	8,553,226.25	855,595,621.83	85,595,621.83	1,516,543,479.93	1,584,893,906.72
1994	63,263,656,339	-	229,536,803.30	177,038,220.01	8,700,649.39	1,008,550,114.90	92,717,692.33	1,689,142,011.08	1,791,160,832.26
1995	66,323,588,789	-	240,542,678.67	189,442,108.16	9,219,214.58	1,021,743,386.08	97,975,231.90	1,546,541,470.09	1,644,147,948.05
1996	70,501,578,300	-	243,650,064.85	190,419,199.29	9,219,214.58	1,021,743,386.08	97,975,231.90	1,546,541,470.09	1,644,147,948.05
1997	69,048,638,883 <sup>17</sup>	-	229,054,744.74	175,080,143.47	9,219,214.58	1,021,743,386.08	97,975,231.90	1,546,541,470.09	1,644,147,948.05
1998	74,603,633,524	-	227,198,972.00	175,402,964.00	8,487,915.00	857,330,846.00	165,051,939.00	1,417,472,636.00	1,519,471,538.00
1999	81,499,658,239	-	229,116,147.00	186,516,508.00	8,781,760.00	857,330,846.00	165,051,939.00	1,417,472,636.00	1,519,471,538.00
2000	88,307,553,325	-	242,907,630.00	190,534,175.00	8,976,206.00	857,330,846.00	165,051,939.00	1,417,472,636.00	1,519,471,538.00
2001	93,938,214,211	-	270,198,652.00	203,672,425.00	9,348,336.00	1,078,506,900.00	200,107,277.00	1,761,833,590.00	1,868,146,583.00
2002	98,162,679,918	-	292,056,327.00	210,563,949.00	9,489,701.00	1,143,578,889.00	212,457,717.00	2,038,627,402.00	2,139,540,101.00
2003	104,200,041,103	-	321,016,370.00	219,615,828.00	9,800,769.00	1,254,770,485.00	233,423,949.00	2,442,063,581.00	2,581,612,508.00
2004	109,123,243,710	-	340,606,873.00	226,999,695.00	10,233,494.00	1,307,534,623.00	254,165,416.00	2,819,998,267.00	2,901,996,534.00
2005	116,267,633,375	-	368,559,351.00	241,989,667.00	10,464,502.00	1,378,914,526.00	282,070,221.00	3,091,196,343.00	3,255,774,758.00
2006	125,064,178,626	-	393,816,418.00	253,672,669.00	11,102,880.00	1,474,275,271.00	309,196,343.00	3,255,774,758.00	3,564,970,529.00
2007	131,993,854,563	-	417,047,416.00	274,204,507.00	11,822,448.00	1,552,763,579.00	325,774,758.00	3,878,545,337.00	4,204,320,085.00

<sup>1</sup> From 1921 to 1952, property was assessed at full value instead of one-fifth value, as in past years. From 1953 to 1957, property was assessed at 50 percent of value. From 1959 to 1980, property was assessed at 35 percent of value. Starting in 1981, property has been assessed at full value.

<sup>2</sup> Includes tax levied by counties but remitted to state for hospitals for the "insane and feebleminded."

<sup>3</sup> Includes one-tenth of a mill for reimbursing permanent school fund.

<sup>4</sup> Includes one-tenth of a mill for reimbursing permanent school fund and .47 of a mill for Veterans Aid Fund Levy.

<sup>5</sup> Includes one-tenth of a mill for historical society buildings, .44 of a mill for Veterans Aid Fund Levy and 1.10 mills for Building Fund Levy.

<sup>6</sup> Includes .41 of a mill for Veterans Aid Fund Levy and 1.10 mills for Building Fund Levy.

<sup>7</sup> Includes .38 of a mill for Veterans Aid Fund Levy and 1.10 mills for Building Fund Levy.

<sup>8</sup> Includes Douglas County Tax Appraisal Board Taxes and Veterans Aid Fund, 1950-55.

<sup>9</sup> Includes Rural Fire District Taxes, Road District Taxes and Grain and Seed Taxes, 1947-79.

<sup>10</sup> Includes Head Tax.

<sup>11</sup> Homestead exemption amount of \$6.3 million.

<sup>12</sup> State aid to cities and counties amount to \$12.6 million annually.

<sup>13</sup> State aid to public schools amount to \$35 million annually.

<sup>14</sup> Actual value.

<sup>15</sup> In 1992, Nebraska changed the valuation methodology for personal property from market value to a depreciated net book basis. See *Nebraska Department of Revenue Annual Report*, Page 83.

<sup>16</sup> Reflects taxes levied for rural fire districts, natural resources districts, educational service units, community colleges and miscellaneous districts.

<sup>17</sup> 1997 value excludes motor vehicle values per LB 271, passed in 1997.

# Assessment of Nebraska Real Property, Personal Tangible and Intangible Property, and Railroads, 1867-2007\*

Year	Total Assessed Valuation	Real Property <sup>16</sup>	Real Property Assessment	Personal Property (Tangible) Exclusive of Railroad	Personal Property Percent of Total Assessment	Railroad Property Percent of Total Assessment	Total Intangible Personal Property
1867 .....	\$ 20,069,222	\$ 12,101,211	60.30	\$ 6,889,961	34.33	\$ 1,078,050	\$ 1,064,638
1877 .....	71,311,578	46,833,647	65.67	16,130,095	22.62	8,347,836	2,199,341
1887 .....	160,506,266	96,358,889	60.03	40,546,015	25.26	23,601,362	4,032,794
1897 .....	165,193,736	112,908,973	68.39	26,605,662	16.11	25,619,101 <sup>1</sup>	2,272,418
1907 .....	329,413,349	192,933,917	58.57	83,081,460 <sup>2</sup>	25.22	53,397,972	15,361,496
1917 .....	528,891,424	352,057,625	66.57	119,978,346	22.68	56,855,453	16,418,836
1920 .....	762,284,909	540,197,502	70.87	160,788,213	21.09	61,299,188	20,267,538
1921 .....	3,212,737,091 <sup>3</sup>	2,366,548,145	73.66	539,068,627	16.78	307,120,316	84,235,452
1922 .....	3,202,705,714	2,293,043,094 <sup>4</sup>	71.60	594,032,740	18.55	315,629,880	141,266,092 <sup>5</sup>
1925 .....	3,176,773,795 <sup>6</sup>	2,356,963,175	74.19	506,667,668	15.95	313,42,952	151,642,492 <sup>7</sup>
1926 .....	3,177,159,318	2,376,019,296	74.78	488,050,275	15.36	313,089,747	144,582,220
1927 .....	3,141,146,610	2,391,522,671	76.14	468,475,552	14.91	281,148,387	142,235,872
1928 .....	3,125,855,462	2,400,614,031	76.80	466,799,354	14.93	258,442,077	172,562,291
1929 .....	3,167,489,383	2,409,769,335	76.08	497,716,692	15.71	260,003,356	300,783,204 <sup>8</sup>
1930 .....	3,102,050,571	2,357,541,588	76.00	484,733,892	15.61	260,135,091	242,115,851
1931 .....	3,045,793,706	2,358,299,796	77.43	434,652,071	14.27	252,841,839	206,321,388
1932 .....	2,521,000,981	1,965,705,448	77.97	334,338,251	13.26	220,957,282	150,962,544
1933 .....	2,073,283,250	1,598,243,869	77.09	291,457,726	14.06	183,581,653	119,704,144
1934 .....	2,059,678,928	1,587,987,654	77.10	304,087,911	14.76	167,603,363	103,080,003
1935 .....	2,030,243,553	1,587,710,975	78.20	296,795,706	14.62	145,736,852	104,081,555
1936 .....	2,060,835,168	1,581,278,483	76.73	331,270,590	16.07	148,286,095	110,960,397
1937 .....	2,038,224,967	1,580,200,530	76.77	318,594,227	15.48	159,430,210	115,662,946
1938 .....	2,033,302,482	1,575,646,085	77.49	334,819,092	15.48	142,837,305	106,260,614
1939 .....	2,047,519,591	1,573,350,879	76.84	335,457,787	16.38	138,710,925	112,891,068
1940 .....	1,922,271,788	1,457,849,933	75.84	333,129,615	17.33	131,292,240	114,623,255
1941 .....	1,949,775,725	1,463,623,407	75.07	355,189,958	18.22	130,962,360	133,246,090
1942 .....	2,042,442,436	1,448,884,200	70.94	457,905,661	22.42	135,632,575	142,369,989
1943 .....	2,123,882,890	1,450,987,413	68.32	531,938,227	25.05	140,957,250	169,066,125
1944 .....	2,115,063,748	1,455,194,829	68.71	517,587,944	24.47	144,280,975	215,206,984
1945 .....	2,153,798,946	1,453,766,320	67.50	551,837,526	25.62	148,195,100	243,865,914
1946 .....	2,160,972,214	1,482,406,559	68.60	529,705,150	24.51	148,860,505	318,114,173
1947 .....	2,315,369,866	1,488,397,061	64.28	674,712,300	29.14	152,260,505	413,462,649
1948 .....	2,499,222,769	1,533,713,684	61.37	811,321,135	32.46	154,187,950	474,139,556

\* Source: Department of Revenue Property Assessment Division

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Year	Total Assessed Valuation	Real Property <sup>16</sup> Assessment	Real Property Percent of Total Assessment	Personal Property (Tangible) Exclusive of Railroad	Personal Property Percent of Total Assessment	Railroad Property Percent of Total Assessment	Total Intangible Personal Property
1949.....	2,640,565,444	1,557,543,971	58.90	927,048,668	35.11	155,972,805	500,682,682
1950.....	2,719,489,560	1,586,594,626	58.34	978,066,444	35.96	154,828,490	507,602,933
1951.....	3,014,247,550	1,610,856,676	53.44	1,246,515,574	41.35	156,875,300	555,907,085
1952.....	3,104,475,679	1,670,371,892 <sup>17</sup>	53.81	1,275,736,527	41.09	158,367,260	573,707,391
1953.....	3,383,619,610 <sup>18</sup>	2,255,487,203	66.66	970,874,127	28.60	157,258,280	616,303,295
1954.....	3,043,753,089	2,030,914,111	66.72	870,580,928	28.60	142,258,050	630,066,852 <sup>11</sup>
1955.....	3,059,667,319	2,072,888,026	68.04	839,224,448	27.11	147,554,845	696,306,628
1956.....	2,955,664,238	2,099,906,982	71.05	717,248,081	24.25	138,509,175	681,728,426
1957.....	2,968,251,035	2,113,714,760	71.21	829,518,930	27.95	138,319,455	717,252,624
1958.....	3,192,817,877	2,174,291,860	68.10	849,636,484	26.61	134,401,405	762,321,077
1959.....	3,175,691,135	2,205,839,408	69.46	833,861,697	26.25	135,990,130	1,240,857,320
1960.....	3,212,807,088	2,243,524,342	69.83	870,120,735	27.10	93,162,011	1,529,115,007
1961.....	3,278,007,212	2,318,617,271	70.73	866,017,201	26.40	93,372,740	1,584,952,524
1962.....	3,367,213,876	2,371,833,963	70.43	902,065,914	26.78	89,224,590	-
1963.....	3,438,065,766	2,424,048,733	70.10	945,614,038	27.24	88,402,995	2,108,598,300
1964.....	3,553,328,531	2,470,718,926	69.53	995,576,495	28.02	86,933,110	2,501,310,940
1965.....	3,824,944,306	2,732,479,530	71.44	1,001,128,073	26.17	86,529,081	2,652,907,328
1966.....	4,334,187,613	3,159,596,852	72.90	1,086,309,231	25.06	88,281,530	2,884,000,414
1967.....	4,250,081,231	2,984,666,685	70.23	1,175,988,689	27.67	89,425,857	2,863,209,129
1968.....	4,468,372,540	3,200,919,638	71.63	1,176,104,251	26.32	91,348,451	- <sup>12</sup>
1969.....	5,134,478,973	3,849,257,487	74.97	1,199,053,359	22.35	86,187,927	-
1970.....	5,375,575,178	3,998,915,338	74.39	1,291,269,257	24.02	85,390,583	-
1971.....	5,537,901,733	4,098,047,282	74.00	1,355,531,749	24.48	84,322,702	-
1972.....	5,731,535,854	4,225,861,385	73.73	1,422,997,118	24.83	82,677,351	-
1973.....	6,077,281,894	4,399,344,363	72.39	1,595,208,108	26.25	82,729,423	-
1974.....	5,032,668,242	4,545,771,789	69.90	1,869,689,620	28.75	87,806,833	-
1975.....	6,748,224,013	4,714,977,422	69.87	1,936,470,363	28.70	96,776,228	-
1976.....	7,014,552,162	4,870,738,201	69.43	2,033,928,295	29.02	109,885,666	-
1977.....	7,617,369,159	5,090,179,350	66.82	2,408,764,867	31.60	118,424,942	-
1978.....	7,497,203,141	5,809,800,395	77.49	1,582,305,010	21.11	105,097,736	-
1979.....	11,709,501,051	9,921,248,413	84.73	1,616,594,675	13.80	171,657,963	-
1980.....	12,595,238,136	10,766,455,938	85.48	1,650,872,705	13.11	177,909,493	-
1981.....	37,323,254,040 <sup>13</sup>	31,066,074,891	83.49	5,049,099,285	13.53	578,079,864	-
1982.....	38,553,689,126	32,289,596,653	83.75	5,684,471,669	14.75	579,620,804	-

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Year	Total Assessed Valuation	Real Property <sup>16</sup>	Real Property Percent of Total Assessment	Personal Property (Tangible) Exclusive of Railroad	Personal Property Percent of Total Assessment	Railroad Property Percent of Total Assessment	Total Intangible Personal Property
1983.....	41,035,051,624	34,064,660,796	83.01	6,327,056,911	15.42	643,333,917	1.57
1984.....	41,632,906,878	34,384,265,705	82.59	6,659,041,648	15.99	589,599,525	1.42
1985.....	44,606,914,842	37,104,591,262	83.18	6,870,176,725	15.40	632,146,855	1.42
1986.....	43,925,238,319	35,970,585,552	81.89	7,176,560,759	16.34	778,112,028	1.77
1987.....	44,302,579,823	35,296,445,550	81.82	7,447,918,983	16.81	865,215,290	1.95
1988.....	44,697,049,210	36,393,161,035	81.42	7,397,672,672	16.55	906,215,503	2.03
1989.....	49,991,878,637	40,829,220,012	81.67	8,435,065,040	16.87	727,593,585	1.46
1990.....	52,725,587,844	43,171,451,761	81.88	8,789,762,416	16.67	764,373,667	1.45
1991.....	54,041,010,920	44,186,914,412	81.77	9,092,048,991	16.82	762,047,517	1.41
1992.....	56,004,491,961	46,377,140,154	82.81	8,823,435,894	15.75	803,915,913	1.44
1993.....	57,861,622,350	47,341,319,554	81.82	9,696,217,529	16.76	824,085,267	1.42
1994.....	63,265,656,295	52,051,782,739	82.27	10,285,974,593	16.26	927,898,963	1.47
1995.....	66,323,588,789	54,630,627,888	82.37	10,666,680,980 <sup>14</sup>	16.08	1,026,279,921	1.55
1996.....	70,501,578,300	57,924,806,143	82.16	11,482,465,515	16.29	1,094,306,642	1.55
1997.....	69,048,638,885	62,016,909,786	89.82	5,891,413,763 <sup>15</sup>	8.53	1,140,315,336	1.65
1998.....	74,603,633,524	67,008,740,898	89.82	6,449,831,324	8.65	1,145,061,302	1.53
1999.....	81,499,638,239	73,225,029,537	89.85	6,915,801,938	8.48	1,358,826,964	1.67
2000.....	88,307,553,325	79,685,257,667	90.24	7,119,165,417	8.06	1,503,130,241	1.70
2001.....	93,938,214,211	84,953,847,915	90.44	7,345,914,312	7.82	1,638,451,985	1.74
2002.....	98,162,679,918	88,843,723,480	90.51	7,609,223,132	7.75	1,709,733,306	1.74
2003.....	104,200,041,103	94,695,127,160	90.88	7,765,667,307	7.45	1,739,246,636	1.67
2004.....	109,123,243,710	99,963,078,318	91.61	7,279,339,135	6.67	1,880,826,257	1.72
2005.....	116,267,633,375	107,098,752,213	92.11	7,332,099,132	6.31	1,836,822,030	1.58
2006.....	125,064,178,626	115,873,475,468	92.65	7,296,098,925	5.83	1,894,604,233	1.51
2007.....	131,993,854,563	122,498,199,691	92.81	7,576,334,819	5.74	1,919,320,053	1.45

<sup>17</sup>Total contains valuation of railroad and pullman cars. Prior to 1889, no provision was made for the separate assessment of sleeping cars and dining cars. In this table, pullman car valuations have been included in the personal property, beginning with 1907.

<sup>18</sup>From 1921 to 1952, property was assessed at full value instead of one-fifth value, as in past years.

<sup>19</sup>Purchasers' interest in state lands included.

<sup>20</sup>Intangible property was assessed at one-fourth its actual value from 1922 to 1924, inclusive.

<sup>21</sup>From 1925, the total assessment does not include valuation of intangible property, Classes A and B.

<sup>22</sup>Intangible property was divided into two classes, A and B, in 1925. The levy on Class A intangible property was 2 1/2 mills; on Class B, 5 mills.

<sup>23</sup>In 1929, the levy on Class B intangible property was raised to 8 mills.

<sup>24</sup>Includes mineral interests.



## Footnotes (Cont'd.)

<sup>10</sup> From 1953 to 1957, property was assessed at 50 percent of value. From 1958 to 1980, property was assessed at 35 percent of value.

<sup>11</sup> From 1954, the levy on Class B intangible property was 4 mills.

<sup>12</sup> Tax on intangible property repealed.

<sup>13</sup> LB 187 in 1979 changed the level of assessment from 35 percent of actual value to 100 percent of actual value starting in 1981.

<sup>14</sup> Agricultural livestock personal property exempted.

<sup>15</sup> 1997 value excludes motor vehicle values per LB 271, passed in 1997.

<sup>16</sup> Real property excludes centrally assessed railroads and public service entities.

## Department of Roads

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**Statutory Reference:** 81-101

The Department of Roads is the state surface transportation agency responsible for highway, bridge, rail, public transportation and other programs. The department's duties include planning, design, construction, maintenance, operations and federal program administration.

The 1895 Legislature established the State Board of Irrigation, which was changed to the State Board of Irrigation, Highways and Drainage in 1911. In 1919, the board became the Department of Public Works and included the Bureau of Roads and Bridges, the Bureau of Irrigation, Water Power and Drainage and the Motor Vehicle Records Division. The department became the Department of Roads and Irrigation in 1933. The 1957 Legislature changed the name to Department of Roads and transferred the other functions to the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Water Resources. The Nebraska State Patrol became part of the Department of Roads in 1937, but became a separate agency in 1982.

### *Director*

The director is the department's chief executive officer. The director's responsibilities include:

- implementing objectives established by the Legislature and the governor consistent with an integrated transportation system, including highway, rail and public transportation programs
- directing the planning, design, construction, maintenance, operations and administration of the department
- maintaining relationships with federal, county and municipal governments, other state agencies and private entities in matters pertaining to an improved and integrated state transportation system
- developing a performance-based Department of Roads

### Bridge Division

The Bridge Division has five sections: Design, Hydraulics, Load Rating and Research, Bridge Inspection and Bridge Management. The division is responsible for:

- supervising the preparation of complete bridge and special structure plans
- reviewing bridge design plans prepared by consulting engineers
- performing load ratings of state and county bridges
- directing computer-aided design and drafting operations
- maintaining a record of bridges within the state
- inspecting and determining the condition of existing bridges

- conducting or supervising hydraulic studies for all bridges
- coordinating bridge-related research activities
- managing the bridges in the state through data analysis and planning

### **Construction Division**

The Construction Division has the following sections: Estimating, PS&E, Highway Construction Scheduling, Contracts, Contract Administration, Bituminous and Concrete Final Estimates Review, External Civil Rights/Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, Grading and Structures, and TRNS•Port. The division is responsible for:

- activities relating to the letting and administration of construction contracts
- policies and actions pertaining to construction activities, standards, techniques, manuals and uniformity of application of specifications, special provisions, and inspection
- creating estimates for each job from preliminary to letting estimates
- checking and assembling final plans and proposals
- reviewing each job for constructability and determining construction working days
- prequalifying contractors, holding bid lettings, and preparing all final contracts
- monitoring all construction contract activities once contracts are signed, such as notice to proceed, subcontracts, insurance and change orders
- resolving construction issues from the field
- administering the DBE and external EEO programs
- monitoring labor rate issues

### **Materials and Research Division**

The Materials and Research Division has the following sections: Portland Cement Concrete, Physical Tests, Chemical Tests, Flexible Pavement and Quality Assurance, Pavement Design, Geotechnical and Soils, Roadway Asset Management, and Research and Development. The division is responsible for:

- developing material specifications and quality control standards
- determining pavement type, cross section and thickness
- inspecting, testing, and reporting of construction and maintenance materials
- performing field investigations to determine material performance
- preparing material manuals and guides
- coordinating the research program
- determining the 20-year needs for the state's highway system
- providing pavement management reports and maintaining the pavement management inventory
- providing soil and soil design requirements
- providing materials management training

### **Planning and Project Development Division**

The Planning and Project Development Division has the following sections: Environmental, Planning and Location Studies, Agreements and Consultant Services and Utilities, Noise and Air. The division is responsible for:

- providing engineering reviews and corridor studies on selected highway projects and coordinating with local, state and federal agencies to assist in the evaluation of engineering alternatives and effects associated with highway projects
- obtaining environmental approvals, 404 permits and floodplain permits
- preparing, negotiating and administering engineering and other agreements with utilities, consultants and political subdivisions
- providing liaison with utility companies
- providing long range collaborative planning statewide
- conducting traffic counts and providing travel demand modeling
- developing and managing the department's outcome-based performance measures
- providing noise and air studies, liaison with local officials on community planning, and design of noise abatement

### **Right of Way Division**

The Right of Way Division has the following sections: Appraisal, Negotiation and Relocation, Highway Beautification, Property Management and Right of Way Design. The division is responsible for:

- providing all real estate services to the Department of Roads
- creating right of way plans and developing legal descriptions of all real estate acquired for construction and maintenance programs
- making and reviewing appraisals establishing the value of land and interests in land
- negotiating for and purchasing real estate needed by the DOR
- managing the DOR's newly purchased property until project construction begins
- disposing of surplus real estate
- providing relocation assistance payments and services to those displaced by the DOR
- managing the DOR's highway beautification program
- issuing use and occupancy permits to those wishing to occupy the DOR's right of way
- monitoring local public agencies' right of way activities to ensure compliance with applicable federal and state law and rules and regulations

### **Roadway Design Division**

The Roadway Design Division has the following sections: Design Support, Interstate, Expressways and Major Arterials Group, and Urban and Resurfacing. The division is responsible for:

- determining the specific location and scope of highway improvements
- preparing complete roadway plans for the state highway system
- reviewing the one- and five-year Highway Improvement Program
- conducting value engineering reviews
- maintaining the department's design manual and standard and special plans
- performing land, geodetic and aerial surveys
- providing hydraulic/hydrologic study and assessments
- providing recommendations to the districts on right of way permit applications

### **Traffic Engineering Division**

The Traffic Engineering Division has the following sections: Traffic Control, Traffic Analysis and Highway Safety. The division is responsible for:

- making recommendations for the functional design features of intersections, interchanges and other highway facilities
- designing signs, signals, pavement markings and other traffic control devices and preparing standards and policies for installation and maintenance
- continuing surveillance of the highway system to identify high-accident and congested locations, conducting studies of the locations and recommending or implementing actions to improve conditions
- maintaining a depository of traffic accident reports
- maintaining a computerized database of traffic crash reports
- performing statistical analyses and creating reports for purposes of increased highway and traffic safety
- maintaining the state property damage system
- identifying areas of loss to the agency through a risk management program

### **Program Management Section**

This section includes the Project Scheduling Unit and the Program Funding Unit. It is responsible for:

- developing and managing the one- and six-year highway construction program with input from district engineers and the State Highway Commission
- developing a highway construction program that balances time, personnel, funds and needs scheduling the preconstruction process of all projects and coordinating the schedules with all levels of management
- maintaining a computer database with information about projects under the department's jurisdiction
- directing and accomplishing functions necessary to program and fund federal-aid projects with the Federal Highway Administration
- preparing the annual Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

### **Communication Division**

The Communication Division is directly responsible to the deputy director for operations and has the following sections: Public Information, Public Hearings, and Communication Services. The division is responsible for:

- developing and reviewing policies, programs and procedures concerning agency communication and public information
- preparing information and distributing news releases; coordinating the biennial State Highway Map; preparing pamphlets, brochures, newsletters and motorist advisories on construction projects; and overseeing media relations and customer service
- preparing, coordinating and facilitating public hearings and public meetings for department projects
- providing information resources, records management, information processing, photographics, plan-printing, reproduction, mail services and website maintenance

### **Human Resources Division**

The Human Resources Division has the following sections: Employee Services and Safety, Staff Development, Classification, Recruitment and EEO, and Employee Performance and Civil Rights Coordination. The division is responsible for:

- administering the Department Workforce Development Program, including Leadership Development
- administering state and Department Human Resources policies, including the department Human Resources Policies and Procedures Manual, rules and regulations, the labor contract, state and federal statutes, and regulatory agency guidelines
- administering procedures for labor relations, disciplinary actions, grievance resolution, performance management, mediation, recruitment, classification and compensation, benefits, FLSA, EEO/AA/ADA/Diversity, safety, and training programs
- administering the Employee Safety, Workers Compensation, Family Medical Leave, Catastrophic Illness, Employee Assistance, Drug and Alcohol Testing, Driving Records, Employee Recognition, Wellness and Suggestion System programs
- developing policies and procedures for the administration of the department payroll, time reporting, and leave accounting systems
- administering the department's civil rights program

### **Business Technology Support Division**

The Business Technology Support Division has two sections: Technical Services and Project Management. The division is responsible for:

- providing data processing technical services to the department's users providing LAN service operations (including backups and disaster recovery), facsimile and computer production control services for the department
- identifying, tagging, entering and maintaining the inventory of computer hardware and software
- scheduling the use of computer resources to optimize their use and service to the department
- participating in evaluating, selecting and procuring computer hardware, software

and supplies for the computer operations function

- providing liaison with the Office of the CIO on computer or data communication operation, service and on technical services matters
- providing liaison with DAS/Material on IT hardware and software purchasing
- providing Help Desk services, including logging and assigning reported hardware, software and application problems to appropriate BTSD staff for resolution
- determining if application development solutions should be purchased, developed by utilizing consultant services or developed by BTSD or department personnel
- developing, implementing and administering Project Management standards, policies, methodologies and best practices to ensure project delivery is done efficiently
- providing technical support for department-wide applications such as MicroStation, Falcon, GIS, Crystal Enterprise and others
- developing, maintaining, and administering the various databases that store mission critical and other data that is utilized by applications throughout the department
- communicating and working with the Office of the CIO on matters concerning application development, integration and implementation

### **Local Projects Section**

The Local Projects Section has the following units: Secondary Roads, Urban, Liaison Services and Special Programs. The section is responsible for:

- coordinating federal and state aid programs, including the Surface Transportation Program (STP) for counties and small municipalities, bridge replacement, transportation enhancement, scenic byways, state recreation road, state-aid bridge, public lands roads, forest highway, county emergency relief, Safe Routes to Schools, Lied Main Street and tribal project-level liaison
- assisting counties and municipalities in obtaining engineering services, reporting programs and plans and meeting minimum standards
- providing administrative support for the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards and the Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents
- acting as contact with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Local Technical Assistance Program (NE-LTAP)

### **Rail and Public Transportation Division**

The Rail and Public Transportation Division has two sections, Motor Carrier Permits and Rail/Public Transit. The division is responsible for:

- issuing overweight and overdimensional permits and administering of department rules and regulations for overweight and overdimensional vehicles and permits
- administering the Nebraska Grade Crossing Protection Program and federal rail safety funds and all agreements with railroads where highway improvements impact railroad facilities
- administering federal and state transit assistance programs and submitting a biennial report to the Governor on transit activities

### **Operations Division**

The Operations Division has three sections: Operations, Intelligent Transportation and Maintenance. This division is responsible for:

- promoting, coordinating, facilitating and assisting in all Homeland Security activities
- formulating and implementing policies, procedures and programs pertaining to Homeland Security
- administration and development of departmental Emergency Operations Plan, assisting and coordinating information and activities for snow storms, floods and other emergencies
- researching, planning, implementing, evaluating and promoting transportation technology to establish and maintain an intelligent transportation system
- developing, implementing and monitoring the department's communications network and traffic signal equipment
- constructing, maintaining and repairing capital facilities
- implementing and monitoring policies governing rest areas and environmental issues
- administering the statewide Adopt-A-Highway, hay harvesting and mowing programs
- operating the cold milling machine and related equipment statewide and coordinating the operation with district personnel
- administering ground water remediation and complying NDEQ rules and regulations
- coordinating formation of spill prevention control and countermeasures plans
- preparing agreements with local governmental units who assume responsibilities for the maintenance of roads, streets and bridges within their jurisdiction
- managing the department's fleet
- developing specifications for and requisitioning of all numbered equipment components, accessories and shop equipment
- administering the State Gas System and the Voyager fleet credit card system for the state
- initiating actions relative to the procurement of all stocked and non-stocked items required by the department

### **Controller Division**

The Controller Division has the following sections: Budget and Finance, Accounting, Financial Systems and Audit. The division is responsible for:

- advising on department financial matters and compliance with state statutes and federal laws
- financial planning and programming, revenue and expenditure projections, budgeting, fund controls, financial analysis and innovative financing techniques
- financial systems that include: accounting, budgeting, cash flow management, project finance and related systems



- analysis of proposed state and federal transportation legislation and interpretation of statutes and laws
- financial management analysis to determine current and future highway construction program size and to make informed business decisions

### **Field Districts<sup>4</sup>**

The Field Districts are responsible for all construction and maintenance of highways within their areas.

Headquarters for the Department of Roads field districts are:

District 1 .....	Lincoln	District 5 .....	Gering
District 2 .....	Omaha	District 6 .....	North Platte
District 3 .....	Norfolk	District 7 .....	McCook
District 4 .....	Grand Island	District 8 .....	Ainsworth

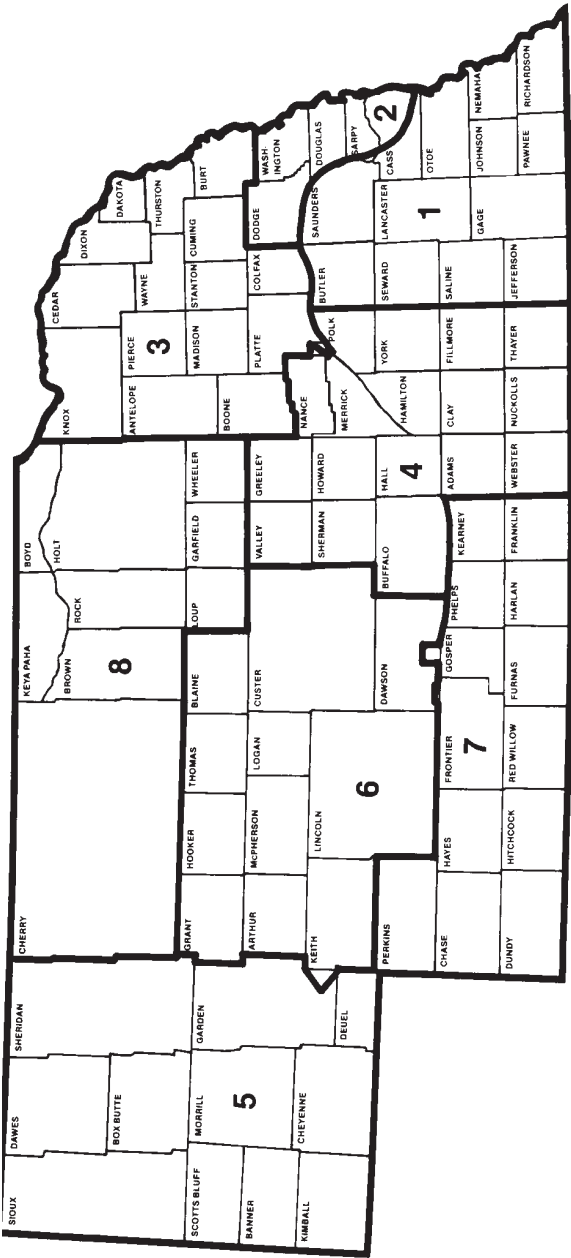
### **Roads Section of the Department of Justice**

The attorney general established the Roads Section of the Department of Justice, and it is housed by the Department of Roads. This section provides all legal representation and counseling concerning the legal business of the Department of Roads.

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<sup>4</sup> See Page 598 for a map of State Highway Commission/Department of Roads districts.

Department of Roads  
Field Districts and State Highway Commission Districts\*



\*Source: Nebraska Department of Roads.

## Department of Veterans' Affairs

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**Director:** John Hilgert

**Statutory Reference:** 80-401.02

The Department of Veterans' Affairs, created in 1947, serves as the advocacy agency for Nebraska's 152,843 veterans. The department, led by a director appointed by the governor and approved by the Legislature, administers the interest from the Nebraska Veterans' Aid Trust Fund to provide temporary assistance to needy veterans and their dependents.

The agency has five state veterans' service officers who represent veterans and their dependents before the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs.

The department operates the state veteran cemetery system. The director may construct and operate state veteran cemeteries in Box Butte County, Sarpy County and the Nebraska Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Hall County. The director provides lots in the cemetery system for deceased veterans as defined by the National Cemetery Administration and for the veteran's spouse, minor children and unmarried children who are physically or mentally disabled and incapable of self support.

The department also administers the state's waiver of tuition and Active Selected Reserve Tuition Credit programs and serves as the state's custodian of veteran discharges and grave registrations.

The director certifies the eligibility of county veterans' service officers.

The director must reside in Nebraska five years prior to his or her appointment, be a U.S. citizen and be an honorably discharged veteran during a period designated by Nebraska law. The Veterans' Advisory Commission is the agency's oversight body.

### *Veterans' Advisory Commission*

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**Statutory Reference:** 80-401.06

The Veterans' Advisory Commission provides counsel to the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs on matters concerning veterans' advocacy and administration of the agency. The commission also approves those hired by the director for state veterans' service officer positions.

The commission also serves as the appeals board on decisions made by the department for Nebraska Veterans' Aid Fund claims.

The commission's five members are appointed by the governor to five-year terms. Each of the three congressional districts has one commissioner and two commissioners serve at large. Each commissioner must have lived in Nebraska for five years prior to appointment, be considered a wartime veteran under Nebraska law, have been honorably discharged and be a member of a recognized veterans' organization.

The commission is required to meet twice each year. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Position	Term Expires
Lewis Adams, Lincoln .....	At Large.....	March 1, 2010
Virgil A. Hagel, Gordon .....	At Large.....	March 1, 2012
John Iossi, Columbus .....	District 1.....	March 1, 2013
John Liebsack, Omaha .....	District 2.....	March 1, 2009
Billy C. Smith, Palisade.....	District 3.....	March 1, 2011

### *Nebraska Veteran's Cemetery Advisory Board*

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**Statutory Reference:** 12-1301

The Nebraska Veteran's Cemetery Advisory Board meets from time to time as requested by the director to:

- review the status of the state veteran cemetery system
- recommend actions to facilitate the development of the system
- assist in fundraising from public or private sources for the construction, operation, administration and maintenance of the system
- advise the director on the most appropriate actions for the state to undertake in the development of the system and priorities for action

The board consists of seven members. Three members are veterans appointed by the governor from a list of candidates forwarded by the county board of each county within which a state veteran cemetery system facility is located. Three members, one from each congressional district, have experience in cemetery administration or operation and are appointed by the governor. The director serves as chairperson. Board members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Position	Term Expires
Keith Harvey, Grand Island .....	District 3.....	Jan. 1, 2009
John Hilgert, Omaha .....	Veterans' Affairs Director .....	Jan. 1, 2009
Ronald Hill, Bellevue .....	District 1.....	Jan. 1, 2009
Lewis Midgett, Alliance.....	Veteran, Box Butte County .....	Jan. 1, 2009
Donald Shuda, Dannebrog.....	Veteran, Hall County.....	Jan. 1, 2009
John Thompson, Bellevue.....	Veteran, Sarpy County .....	Jan. 1, 2009
Terence Veylupek, Bellevue.....	District 2.....	Jan. 1, 2009

### *Veterans' Homes Board*

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**Statutory Reference:** 80-318

The Veterans' Homes Board was established to determine continued eligibility of members to remain in one of the Nebraska veterans' homes. The board makes all final determinations regarding admission, or continued admission. The board also makes

recommendations on matters of policy, rules and regulations, administration and maintenance pertaining to each of the Nebraska veterans' homes.

The board is composed of two members selected by each of the state's recognized veterans' organizations. The Department of Veterans' Affairs director serves as the permanent board secretary. Board members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Represents</b>
Bernard Brosnihan, Omaha.....	AMVETS
James Cada, Lincoln .....	Military Order of the Purple Heart
Chris Crews, Omaha.....	Paralyzed Veteran of America
Wayne Denklau, Wayne.....	AMVETS
Keith Fickenscher, Lincoln.....	Paralyzed Veterans of America
Virgil Hagel, Gordon.....	American Legion
John Hilgert, Omaha.....	Director, Department of Veterans' Affairs
Randy Holke, Fremont.....	Vietnam Veterans of America
Virgil Kenney, Amherst.....	Disabled American Veterans
John Liebsack, Omaha .....	Veterans of Foreign Wars
Alfonso Martinez Jr., Fremont.....	Disabled American Veterans
Richard McKibben, Omaha .....	American Legion
Shane Osborn, Omaha.....	American Ex-Prisoners of War
Dennis Pavlik, Omaha.....	American Ex-Prisoners of War
Steve Schawang, Falls City.....	Vietnam Veterans of America
Eric Williams, Geneva.....	Veterans of Foreign Wars
Vacant .....	Military Order of the Purple Heart